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(57) Abstract

Compounds of general formula (I), wherein R1 represents hydrogen or an alkyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, heterocyclyl, alkylcarbonyl phenacyl or substituted phenacyl group; or, when n = 0, R^1 represents SR^X , wherein RX represents a group (α); R2 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl, alkenyl, phenylalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl or cycloalkenylalkyl group; R3 represents an amino acid residue with R or S stereochemistry or an alkyl, benzyl, (C1-C6 alkoxy) benzyl or benzyloxy(C₁-C₆ alkyl) group; R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R⁵ represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; n is an integer having the value 0, 1 or 2; and A represents a hydrocarbon chain optionally substituted with one or more alkyl, phenyl or substituted phenyl groups; and their salts and N-oxides are collagenase inhibitors and are useful in the management of disease involving tissue degradation and/or the promotion of wound healing. Diseases involving tissue degradation include arthropathy (particularly rheumatoid arthritis), inflammation, dermatological diseases, bone resorption diseases and tumour invasion.

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1 HYDROXAMIC ACID BASED COLLAGENASE INHIBITORS.

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This invention relates to pharmaceutically and veterinarily active compounds, which are derivatives of hydroxamic acid.

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The compounds of the present invention act as 7 inhibitors of metalloproteases involved in tissue 8 degradation, such as collagenase, which initiates 9 collagen breakdown, stromelysin (protoglycanase), 10 gelatinase and collagenase (IV). There is evidence 11 implicating collagenase as one of the key enzymes in 12 breakdown of articular cartilage and bone in 13 rheumatoid arthritis (Arthritis and Rheumatism, 20, 14 1231 - 1239, 1977). Potent inhibitors of collagenase 15 and other metalloproteases involved in tissue 16 degradation are useful in the treatment of rheumatoid 17 arthritis and related diseases in which collagenolytic 18 activity is important. Inhibitors of metalloproteases 19 of this type can therefore be used in treating or 20 preventing conditions which involve tissue breakdown; 21 they are therefore useful in the treatment of 22 arthropathy, dermatological conditions, bone 23 resorption, inflammatory diseases and tumour invasion 24 and in the promotion of wound healing. Specifically, 25 compounds of the present invention may be useful in the 26 treatment of osteopenias such as osteoporosis, 27 rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, periodontitis, 28 gingivitis, corneal ulceration and tumour invasion. 29

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A number of small peptide like compounds which inhibit metalloproteases have been described. Perhaps the most notable of these are those relating to the

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     angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) where
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     agents act to block the conversion of the decapeptide
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     angiotensin I
                      to angiotensin II a potent pressor
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     substance. Compounds of this type are described in
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     EP-A-0012401:
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               hydroxamic acids have been suggested as
     Certain
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                                 as in US-A-4599361 and
     collagenase inhibitors
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     EP-A-0236872. Other hydroxamic acids have been prepared
     as ACE inhibitors, for example in US-A-4105789, while
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     still others have been described
                                         as
                                              enkephalinase
     inhibitors as in US-A-4496540.
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    EP-A-0012401 discloses antihypertensive compounds of
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     the formula:
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                       R^4 R^5 O
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            OR^1 R^3
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         R-C-C-NH-CH-C-N--C--C-R<sup>6</sup>
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20
              \mathbb{R}^2
                           R^7
21
                      0
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     wherein
24
     R and R<sup>6</sup> are the same or different and are hydroxy,
25
     alkoxy, alkenoxy, dialkylamino alkoxy, acylamino
26
27
     alkoxy, acyloxy alkoxy, aryloxy, alkyloxy, substituted
28
     aryloxy or substituted aralkoxy wherein the substituent
     is methyl, halo, or methoxy, amino, alkylamino,
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     dialkylamino, aralkylamino or hydroxyamino;
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R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms,
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    including branched, cyclic and unsaturated alkyl
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    groups;
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    substituted alkyl wherein the substituent is halo,
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    hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy amino, alkylamino,
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    dialkylamino, acrylamino, arylamino, guanidino,
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    imidazolyl, indolyl, mercapto, alkylthio, arylthio,
8
    carboxy, carboxamido, carbalkoxy, phenyl, substituted
9
    phenyl wherein the substituent is alkyl, alkoxy or
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    halo; aralkyl or heteroaralkyl, aralkenyl or
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    heteroaralkenyl, substituted aralkyl, substituted
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    heteroaralkyl, substituted aralkenyl or substituted
13
    hetereoaralkenyl, wherein the substituent is halor or
14
    dihalo, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, aminomethyl,
15
    acrylamino, dialkylamino, alkylamino, carboxyl,
16
    haloalkyl, cyano or sulphonamido, aralkyl or
17
    hetereoaralkyl substituted on the alkyl portion by
18
    amino or acylamino;
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20
    R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are hydrogen or alkyl;
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22
                                       phenylalkyl,
                            alkyl,
         is hydrogen,
    \mathbb{R}^3
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    aminomethylphenylalkyl, hydroxyphenylalkyl,
24
    hydroxyalkyl, acetylaminoalkyl, acylaminoalkyl,
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    acylaminoalkyl aminoalkyl, dimethylaminoalkyl,
26
    haloalkyl, guanidinoalkyl, imidazolylalkyl,
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    indolylalkyl, mercaptoalkyl and alkylthioalkyl;
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    R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or alkyl;
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is hydrogen,
                         alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl,
    hydroxyphenylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl,
     guanidinoalkyl, imidazolylalkyl, indolylalkyl,
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    mercaptoalkyl or alkylthioalkyl;
 5
    R4 and R5 may be connected together to form an alkylene
 6
    bridge of from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkylene bridge
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     of from 2 to 3 carbon atoms and one sulphur atom, an
 9
     alkylene bridge of from 3 to 4 carbon atoms containing
     a double bond or an alkylene bridge as above,
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     substituted with hydroxy, alkoxy or alkyl and the
12
     pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
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    US-A-4599361 discloses compounds of the formula:
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                   HOHNC-A-CNH-CH-CNHR1
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     wherein
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    R^1 is C_1-C_6 alkyl;
21
     R^2 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, benzyl, benzyloxybenzyl, (C_1-C_6)
22
     alkoxy)benzyl or benzyloxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl);
23
     a is a chiral centre with optional R or S
24
     stereochemistry;
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     A is a
26
                    -(CHR^3-CHR^4)-group
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29
     or a -(CR^3=CR^4) - group wherein b and c are chiral
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     centres with optional R or S stereochemistry;
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R^3 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl or phenyl(C_1-C_6
     alkyl) and R^4 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6
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    alkyl), cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl).
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     EP-A-0236872 discloses generically compounds of the
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     formula
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     wherein
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     A represents a group of the formula HN(OH)-CO- or
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     HCO-N(OH)-;
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    R1 represents a C2-C5 alkyl group;
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     R^2 represents the characterising group of a natural
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     alpha-amino acid in which the functional group can be
     protected, amino groups may be acylated and carboxyl
22
     groups can be amidated, with the proviso that R2 can
23
24
     not represent hydrogen or a methyl group;
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     R<sup>3</sup> represents hydrogen or an amino, hydroxy, mercapto,
27
     c_1-c_6 alkyl, c_1-c_6 alkoxy, c_1-c_6 acylamino,
28
     c_1-c_6-alkylthio, aryl-(c_1-c_6 alkyl)-,
29
     amino-(c_1-c_6-alkyl)-, hydroxy(c_1-c_6-alkyl)-,
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     mercapto(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl}) or carboxy(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl}) group,
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1	wherein the amino, nydroxy, mercapto or carboxyl groups					
2	can be protected and the amino groups may be acylated					
3	or the carboxyl groups may be amidated;					
4						
5	R4 represents hydrogen or a methyl group;					
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7	R^5 represents hydrogen or a C_1-C_6 acyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy-					
8	C_1-C_6 alkyl, $di(C_1-C_6-alkoxy)$ methylene, carboxy, (C_1-C_6)					
9	alkyl)carbinyl, (C ₁ -C ₆ alkoxy)carbinyl, arylmethoxy					
10	carbinyl, (C ₁ -C ₆ alkyl)amino carbinyl or arylamino					
11	carbinyl group; and					
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13	R ⁶ represents hydroxy or a methylene group; or					
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15	${ m R}^2$ and ${ m R}^4$ together represent a group-(CH $_2$) $_{ m n}$ -, wherein n					
16	represents a number from 4 to 11; or					
17	4					
18	\mathbb{R}^4 and \mathbb{R}^5 together represent a trimethylene group;					
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20	and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such					
21	compounds, which are acid or basic.					
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23	US-A-4105789 generically discloses compounds which have					
24	the general formula					
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26	${f R}_{f I}$ 3 ${f R}_{f I}$ 1					
27	R_3 R_1 $					
28						
29	and salts thereof, wherein					
30						
31	R ₁ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, phenyl lower alkylene,					
32	hydroxy-lower alkylene, hydroxyphenyl lower					
33 -	alkylene, amino-lower alkylene, guanidine lower					

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alkylene, mercapto-lower alkylene, lower 1 alkyl-mercapto-lower alkylene, imidazolyl lower 2 alkylene, indolyl-lower alkylene or carbamoyl 3 lower alkylene; 4 is hydrogen or lower alkyl; 5 R_2 is lower alkyl or phenyl lower alkylene; 6 R_3 is hydroxy, lower alkoxy or hydroxyamino; and 7 R_4 is 1 or 2. 8 n 9 US-A-4496540 discloses compounds of the general 10 formula: 11 12 13 A-B-NHOH 14 wherein A is one of the aromatic group-containing amino 15 acid residues L-tryptophyl, D-tryptophyl, L-tyrosyl, 16 D-tyrosyl, L-phenylalanyl, or D-phenylalanyl, and B is 17 one of the amino acids glycine, L-alanine, D-alanine, 18 L-leucine, D-leucine, L-isoleucine, or D-isoleucine; 19 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. 20 21 It would however be desirable to improve on the 22 solubility of known collagenase inhibitors and/or 23 stomelysin inhibitors (whether as the free base or the 24 salt) and, furthermore, increases in activity have also 25 been sought. It is not a simple matter, however, to 26 predict what variations in known compounds would be 27 desirable to increase or even retain activity; certain 28 modifications of known hydroxamic acid derivatives have 29 been found to lead to loss of activity. 30 31 According to a first aspect of the invention, there is 32 provided a compound of general formula I: 33

 R^{4}

 R^5

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1 2 3 CONHOH RISO, (I) 6 7 wherein: 8 9 represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, R^1 10 substituted phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, 11 heterocyclyl, (c_1-c_6) alkylcarbonyl, phenacyl or 12 substituted phenacyl group; or, when n = 0, R^{\perp} 13 represents SR^{X} , wherein R^{X} represents a group: 14 15 16 17 18 СОМНОН 19 20 21 R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 22 alkenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, 23 $cycloalkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ or $cycloalkenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ 24 25 group; 26 \mathbb{R}^3 represents an amino acid side chain or a C1-C6 27 alkyl, benzyl, (C₁-C₆ alkoxy)benzyl, 28 benzyloxy(C₁-C₆ alkyl) or benzyloxybenzyl group; 29 30

represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group;

represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group;

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is an integer having the value 0, 1 or 2; and 1 2 represents a C₁-C₆ hydrocarbon chain, optionaly 3 substituted with one or more c_1 - c_6 alkyl, phenyl 4 or substituted phenyl groups; 5 6 or a salt thereof. 7 8 Hereafter in this specification, the term "compound" 9 includes "salt" unless the context requires otherwise. 10 11 used herein the term "C1-C6 alkyl" refers to a 12 straight or branched chain alkyl moiety having from 13 one to six carbon atoms, including for example, 14 methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, t-butyl, 15 pentyl and hexyl, and cognate terms (such as "c1-c6 16 alkoxy") are to be construed accordingly. 17 18 The term "C₁-C₆ alkenyl" refers to a straight or 19 branched chain alkyl moiety having one to six carbons 20 and having in addition one double bond, of either E or 21 Z stereochemistry where applicable. This term would 22 include, for example, an alpha, beta-unsaturated 23 methylene group, vinyl, 1-propenyl, 1- and 2-butenyl 24 and 2-methyl-2-propenyl. 25 26 "cycloalkyl" refers to a saturated term 27 The alicyclic moiety having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms 28 and includes for example, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, 29 cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl. 30 31 32

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The term "cycloalkenyl" refers to an unsaturated 1 alicycle having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms and includes 2 3 cyclopropenyl, cyclobutenyl and cyclopentenyl, 4 cyclohexenyl. 5 6 The term "substituted", as applied to a phenyl or other 7 aromatic ring, means substituted with up to four substituents each of which independently may be C1-C6 8 9 . alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, hydroxy, thiol, C₁-C₆ alkylthiol, amino, halo (including fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo), 10 11 triflouromethyl or nitro. 12 13 The term "amino acid side chain" means a characteristic 14 side chain attached to the -CH(NH₂)(COOH) moiety in the 15 following R or S amino acids: glycine, alanine, valine, 16 .. leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, serine, threonine, cysteine, methionine, 17 18 asparagine, glutamine, lysine, histidine, arginine, 19 glutamic acid and aspartic acid. 20 The term "hydrocarbon chain" includes alkylene, 21 alkenylene and alkynylene chains of from 1 to 6 carbon 22 Preferably the carbon atom of the hydrocarbon 23 24 chain nearest to the hydroxamic acid group is a 25 methylene carbon atom. 26 2.7 There are several chiral centres in the compounds 28 according to the invention because of the presence of asymmetric carbon atoms. 29 The presence of several asymmetreic carbon atoms gives rise to a number of 30 31 diastereomers with the appropriate R or S stereochemistry at each chiral centre. General formula 32

I and, where appropriate, all other formulae in this

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specification are to be understood to include all such 1 mixtures (for example racemic stereoisomers and 2 mixtures) thereof. Compounds in which the chiral centre 3 adjacent the substituent R^3 has S stereochemistry 4 and/or the chiral centre adjacent the substituent ${\ensuremath{\mathtt{R}}}^2$ 5 has R stereochemistry are preferred. 6 7 Further or other preferred compounds include those in 8 which, independently or in any combination: 9 10 represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl, R^1 11 phenyl, thiophenyl, benzyl, acetyl or benzoyl 12 group; 13 14 represents a C_3-C_6 alkyl (for example isobutyl) R^2 15 group; 16 17 represents a benzyl or 4-(C1-C6)alkoxyphenylmethyl \mathbb{R}^3 18 or benzyloxybenzyl group; 19 20 represents a C_1-C_4 alkyl (for example methyl) R^4 21 22 group; and 23 \mathbb{R}^5 represents a hydrogen atom. 24 25 Particularly preferred compounds include: 26 27 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(phenylthio-1. 28 methyl)-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide, 29 30 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiophenyl-2. 31 thio-methyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-32 N-methylamide, 33

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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(benzylthio-
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     З.
          methyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide,
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 3
          [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(acetylthio-
          methyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide and
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 6
          [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiolmethyl)
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     5.
          succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
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     6.
          [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(benzoylthio-
10
          methyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
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          [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(pivaloyl-
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     7.
14
          thiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methyl-
15
          amide
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     8.
          [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(phenyl-
          thiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methyl-
18
          amide sodium salt
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21
          [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-methoxy-
22
          phenyl-thiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-
23
          methylamide -
24
          [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-hydroxy-
25
          phenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-
- 26
27
          methylamide
28
29
     11
          [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(2-thio-
          phenethiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-
30
          methylamide sodium salt
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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-methoxy-12. 1 phenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-2 methylamide sodium salt 3 4 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-tert-13. 5 butylphenylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-6 N-methylamide 7 8 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(2,4-di-14. 9 methylphenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenyl-10 alanine-N-methylamide 11 12 bis-S,S'-{[4(N-Hydroxyamino-2R-isobutyl-15. 13 3S-(thiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methyl-14 amide } disulphide 15 16 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(3-bromo-17 16. phenylthio-methyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-18 methylamide 19 20 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(3-chloro-17. 21 phenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-22 methylamide 23 24 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(3-methyl-18. 25 phenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-26 methylamide 27 28 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(N-acetyl)-19. 29 aminophenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-30 N-methylamide 31 32 33

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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenyl-1 sulphinylmethylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methyl-2 3 amide 4 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenyl-5 21. sulphonylmethylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methyl-6 amide 7 8 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-thiophenyl-9 sulphinylmethyl-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-10 11 methylamide 12 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-thiophenyl-13 sulphonylmethyl-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-14 methylamide 15 16 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenyl-17 sulphonylmethyl-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-18 methylamide sodium salt 19 20 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(isobutyl-21 oxycarbonylamino)phenyl)thiomethyl-succinyl]-L-22 phenylalanine-N-methylamide 23 24 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(N-methyl-N-25 26. (tert-butoxycarbonyl)-glycylamino)phenyl)thio-26 methylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide 27 28 and, where appropriate, their salts. Compounds 2 and 5 29 are especially preferred and compound 2 is the most 30 preferred, because of its good collagenase-inhibiting 31 and protoglycanase-inhibiting activities. 32 33

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Compounds of general formula I may be prepared by any 1

suitable method known in the art and/or by the 2

following process, which itself forms part of the 3

invention. 4

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According to a second aspect of the invention, there is 6 provided a process for preparing a compound of general 7 formula I as defined above, the process comprising: 8

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(a) deprotecting a compound of general formula II 10

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$$R^{2}$$
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{5}
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 $R^{1}SO_{n}$
(II)

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18 wherein:

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 R^{1} , R^{2} , R^{3} , R^{4} , R^{5} , A and n are as defined in general formula I and Z represents a protective group such as a benzyl group; or

22 23

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(b) reacting a compound of general formula III

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32 wherein:

(VIA)

1 R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , A and n are as defined in general formula I,

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with hydroxylamine or a salt thereof; or

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(c) reacting a compound of general formula VIA

CONHOH

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13 14 wherein

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16 R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are as defined in general formula I,

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either with a thiol of the general formula R¹S, wherein R¹ is as defined in general formula I to give a compound of general formula I in which A represents a methylene group and n is 0,

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or with a cuprate of the general formula $(R^1S-A^1)_2CuLi$, wherein R^1 is as defined in general formula I and A^1 is such that $-A^1-CH_2$ — is identical to -A—, as defined in general formula I.

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29 (d) optionally after step (a), step (b) or step (c) 30 converting a compound of general formula I into another 31 compound of general formula I.

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Compounds of general formula I which are sulphoxides or sulphones can be derived from thiol compounds of general formula I by oxidation. Alternatively, thiols of general formula II or III may be oxidised. Compounds of general formula I which are disulphides (ie compounds wherein R¹ represents SR^X) may be derived from thiol esters of general formula I by milk

8 oxidation, for example in air.

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A compound of general formula II may be prepared from a compound of general formula III by reaction with an O-protected (such as benzyl) hydroxylamine. A compound of general formula III may be prepared by desterification (such as hydrolysis) of an ester of the general formula IV

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$$R^2$$
 NR^4R^5

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 R^1S_0
 R^1S_0
(IV)

wherein:

 R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , A and n are as defined in general formula I and R^6 represents C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl C_1-C_6 alkyl or substituted phenyl C_1-C_6 alkyl.

A compound of general formula IV can be prepared from an ester of general formula V or an acid of general formula VI

(V)

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N
R
S
CO.R
6

R²
NR⁴R⁵
COOH
(VI)

wherein:

 R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are as defined in general formula I and R^6 represents C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl C_1-C_6 alkyl or substituted phenyl C_1-C_6 alkyl

by reaction with a thiol R^1SH , wherein R^1 is as defined in general formula I, to give compounds wherein A represents a methylene group,

or by reaction with a cuprate of the general formula $(R^1S-A^1)_2\text{CuLi}$, wherein R^1 is as defined in general formula I and A^1 is such that $-A^1-\text{CH}_2-$ is identical to -A-, as defined in general formula I.

Esters of general formula V can be prepared by esterifying acids of general formula VI with an appropriate alcohol R^6OH or other esterifying agent.

Compounds of general formula VIA can be prepared by reacting compounds of general formula VI with hydroxylamine or a salt thereof.

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1 An acid of general formula VI can be prepared by 2 reacting a malonic acid derivative of general formula 3 VII

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10 wherein:

11 R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are as defined in general

13 formula I

with formaldehyde in the presence of pyridine.

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An acid of general formula VII can in turn be prepared by desterifying (for example hydrolysing) a compound of general formula VIII

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$$R^2 \longrightarrow NR^4R^5$$
(VIII)

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27 wherein:

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 R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are as defined in general formula I and R^6 represents C_1 - C_6 alkyl, phenyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl or substituted phenyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

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A compound of general formula VIII can be prepared by reacting a compound of general formula IX with a compound of general formula X

$$R^2$$
 COOH R^3 $CONR^4R^5$ (IX) $CONR^4R^5$

wherein:

 R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are as defined in general formula I and R^6 represents C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl C_1-C_6 alkyl or substituted phenyl C_1-C_6 alkyl.

The starting materials and other reagents are either available commercially or can be synthesised by simple chemical procedures.

21 For example, a substituted acid of general formula IX 22 may be prepared by reacting an ester of the general 23 formula XI

$$R^2$$
 CO_2R^6 (XI)

wherein Y represents halo and R^5 is as defined above and R^2 and R^6 as defined above, with a malonate derivative of the general formula XII

$$R^{6}O_{2}C \longrightarrow CO_{2}R^{6}$$
 (XII)

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wherein R^6 is as defined above with the proviso that 1 when R⁶ is aromatic in general formula XI it is 2 aliphatic in general formula XII or vice versa, and 3 selectively de-esterifying. 4 5 Compounds of general formula XI can simply be derived 6 from amino acids, which can be obtained in 7 enantiomerically pure form, enabling a choice of 8 optically active compounds of general formula I to be 9 prepared. 10 11 Compounds of general formulae II and III are valuable 12 intermediates in the preparation of compounds of 13 general formula I. According to a third aspect of the 14 invention, there is therefore provided a compound of 15 general formula II. According to a fourth aspect of the 16 invention, there is provided a compound of general 17 formula III. 18 19 As mentioned above, compounds of general formula I are 20 useful in human or veterinary medicine as they are 21 active inhibitors, of metalloproteases involved in 22 tissue degradation. 23 24 According to a fifth aspect of the invention, there is 25 provided a compound of general formula I for use in 26 human or veterinary medicine, particularly in the 27 management (by which is meant treatment of prophylaxis) 28 of disease involving tissue degradation, in particular 29 rheumatoid arthritis, and/or in the promotion of wound 30 healing. 31

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According to a sixth aspect of the invention, there is provided the use of a compound of general formula I in 2 the preparation of an agent for the management of disease involving tissue degradation, particularly 4 rheumatoid arthritis, and/or in the promotion of wound 5 healing. Compounds of general formula I can therefore 6 be used in a method of treating disease involving 7 tissue degradation, particularly rheumatoid arthritis, 8 and/or in a method of promoting wound healing, the 9 method in either case comprising administering to a 10 human or animal patient an effective amount of a 11 compound of general formula I. 12

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The potency of compounds of general formula I to act 14 of collagenase (a metalloprotease as inhibitors 15 involved in tissue degradation) was determined by the 16. procedure of Cawston and Barrett, (Anal. Biochem., 99, 17 340-345, 1979) and their potency to act as inhibitors 18 of stromelysin was determined using the procedure of 19 Cawston et al (Biochem. J., 195, 159-165 1981), both of 20 which techniques are to be described more fully in the 21 examples and are incorporated by reference herein so 22 far as the law allows. 23

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According to a seventh aspect of the invention, there 25 is provided a pharmaceutical or veterinary formulation 26 comprising a compound of general formula I and a 27 pharmaceutically and/or veterinarily acceptable 28 carrier. One or more compounds of general formula I may 29 be present in association with one or more non-toxic 30 pharmaceutically and/or veterinarily acceptible 3.1 diluents and/or adjuvents and if and/or 32 carriers desired other active ingredients. 33

23 According to an eighth aspect of the invention, there 1 is provided a process for the preparation of a 2 pharmaceutical or veterinary formulation in accordance 3 with the seventh aspect, the process comprising admixing a compound of general formula I and a 5 pharmaceutically and/or veterinarily acceptable 6 7 carrier. 8 Compounds of general formula I may be formulated for 9 administration by any route and would depend on the 10 The compositions may be in disease being treated. 11 the form of tablets, capsules, powders, granules, 12 lozenges, liquid or gel preparations, such as oral, 13 sterile parental solutions or topical, or 14 suspensions. 15 16 Tablets and capsules for oral administration may be in unit dose presentation form, and may contain conventional excipients such as binding agents, example syrup, acacia, gelatin, sorbitol, tragacanth, or polyvinyl-pyrollidone; fillers for example lactose, sugar, maize-starch, calcium phosphate, sorbitol or glycine; tabletting lubricant, for example

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 magnesium sterate, talc, polyethylene glycol or 24 silica; disintegrants, for example potato starch, 25 agents such as sodium lauryl wetting acceptable 26 The tablets may be coated according to sulphate. 27 methods well known in normal pharmaceutical practice. 28 Oral liquid preparations may be in the form of, for 29 example, aqueous or oily suspensions, solutions, 30 emulsions, syrups or elixirs, or may be presented as a 31 dry product for reconstitution with water or other 32 Such liquid suitable vehicle before use. 33

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preparations may contain coventional additives 1 as suspending agents, for example sorbitol, 2 methyl cellulose, glucose syrup, gelatin, 3 hydrogenated edible fats; emulsifiying agents, for 4 sorbitan monooleate, or acacia; 5 example lecithin, include non-aquieous vehicles (which may 6 for example almond oil, fractionated coconut 7 oils), oil, oily esters such as glycerine, propylene glycol, or ethyl alcohol; preservatives, for example methyl or 9 propyl p-hydroxybenzoate or sorbic acid, 10 desired conventional flavouring or colouring agents. 11 12 13

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The dosage unit involved in oral administration may contain from about 1 to 250 mg, preferably from about 25 to 250 mg of a compound of general formula I. suitable daily dose for a mammal may vary widely depending on the condition of the patient. However, a dose of a compound of general formula I of about 0.1 18 to 300mg/kg body weight, particularly from about 1 to 100 mg/kg body weight may be appropriate.

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For topical application to the skin the drug may be 22 . made up into a cream, lotion or ointment. 23 ointment formulations that may be used for the drug 24 are conventional fomulations well known in the art, 25 for example, as described in standard text books of 26 pharmaceutics such as the British Pharmacopoeia. 27

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For topical applications to the eye, the drug may be 29 made up into a solution or suspension in a suitable 30 sterile aqueous or non-aqueous vehicle. Additives, 31 for instance buffers such as sodium metabisulphite or 32 disodium edeate; preservatives including bactericidal 33.

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agents, such as phenyl mercuric fungicidal and 1 or nitrate, benzalkonium chloride or acetate 2 chlorohexidine, and thickening agents such as 3 hypromellose may also be included. 4 5 employed for the topical administration The dosage 6 will, of course, depend on the size of the area being 7 treated. For the eyes each dose will be typically in 8 the range from 10 to 100 mg of the compound of general 9 formula I. 10 11 active ingredient may also be administered 12 parenterally in a sterile medium. 13 depending on the vehicle and concentration used, can 14 either be suspended or dissolved in the vehicle. 15 Advantageously, adjuvants such as a local anasthetic, 16 preservative and buffering agents can be dissolved in 17 the vehicle. 18 19 For use in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis the 20 compounds of this invention can be administered by 21 the oral route or by injection intra-articularly into 22 the affected joint. The daily dosage for 23 mammal will be in the range of 10 mgs to 1 gram of a 24 compound of general formula I. 25 26 The following examples illustrate the invention, but 27 are not intended to limit the scope in any way. 28 following abbreviations have been used in the 29 Examples:-30 31 32

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- Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide
     DCC
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     DCM
           - Dichloromethane
 2
          - Dicyclohexylurea
     DCU
 3
           - Diisopropyl ether
 4
     DIPE
           - N, N-dimethylformamide
     DMF
  5
            - Hydroxybenztriazole
     · HOBT
  6
     MMM
           - N-Methylmorpholine
 7
            - Trifluoroacetic acid
      TFA
  8
 9
      THF
            - Tetrahydrofuran
      WSCDI - N-(Dimethylaminoethyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide
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      Example 1
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      [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(phenylthiomethyl)-
 14
      succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
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                                     NHMe
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                            CONHOH
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                      PhS
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      a) 2R-Bromo-5-methylpentanoic acid.
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 24
                  (100g,
                         0.76 mol) and potassium bromide
 25
      D-Leucine
      (317.5g, 2.67 mol) were dissolved in aqueous acid
 26
      (150ml concentrated sulphuric acid in 500ml of water).
 27
      The solution was cooled to -20
                                         and sodium nitrite
 28
      (69.6q, 0.95 mol in water) was added over
                                                    1h taking
 29
      care to maintain the temperature between -1 and -20.
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      After addition was complete the mixture was kept at 00
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      for a further hour, then DCM was added and the mixture
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The layers were separated

stirred for a few minutes.

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and the ageous phase was washed with further portions
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                             The combined organic layers
    of DCM (5 \times 250ml).
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    were dried over magnesium sulphate then the solvent
3
    removed to give the acid as a pale yellow oil (123.1g,
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    0.63 mol, 83%)
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    [alpha]_D = +38.0^{\circ} (c = 2, methanol)
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8 .
             (250 \text{ MHz}, \text{ CDCl}_3) 4.29 (1H, t, J= 6.5Hz,
9
    deltan
    BrCHCO_2H), 1.91 (2H, t, J= 7Hz, CHCH_2CH), 1.83 (1H, m,
10
    Me_2CH), and 0.94 (6H, 2xd, J= 7Hz, (CH_3)_2CH)
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12
    b) tert-Butyl 2R-Bromo-5-methylpentanoate.
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14
    2R-Bromo-5-methylpentanoic acid (123g,
                                                0.63 mol)
15
    was dissolved in DCM (400ml) and the solution cooled
16
   to -40° while isobutene was condensed in to roughly
17
                         Maintaining the temperature at
    double the volume.
18
    -40° concentrated sulphuric acid (4ml) was added
19
                 When the addition was complete
    dropwise.
20
               was allowed to warm to room temperature
    reaction
21
                  The resultant solution was concentrated
22
    overnight.
    to half the volume by removing the solvent at reduced
23
    pressure, then the DCM was washed twice with an equal
24
    volume of 10% sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic
25
                         over magnesium sulphate and the
                 dried
26
    layer was
    solvent removed under reduced pressure to leave the
27
    title compound as a yellow oil (148.0g, 0.59 mol, 94%).
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     [alpha]_D = +23.0^{\circ} (c = 2, methanol)
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delta_{H} (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.18 (1H, t, J= 6.5Hz,
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    BrCHCO_2H), 1.89 (2H, m, CHCH_2CH), 1.78 (1H, m, Me_2CH),
    1.49 (9H, s, (CH_3)_3C) and 0.94 (6H, 2xd, J= 7Hz,
     (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH)
4
5
    delta<sub>C</sub> (63.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 167.0, 82.0, 46.3, 43.4,
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7
    27.6, 26.3, 22.2, and 21.6.
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    c) Benzyl (2-benzloxycarbonyl-3R-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-
10
     5-methylhexanoate.
11
     Dibenzyl malonate (124.5g, 0.44 mol) was taken up in
12
    dry DMF and potassium tert-butoxide (49.2g, 0.44
13
14
    mol) was added portionwise with stirring and cooling.
    When a homogeneous solution had formed it was cooled to
15
     00 then tert-buty1-2R-bromo-5-methylpentanoate
16
    (110.0g, 0.44 mol) in DMF (200 ml) was added dropwise
17
               When addition was complete the reaction was
18
     transfered to a cold room at <50 and left for 4 days.
19
     The reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl
20
                     saturated ammonium chloride then the
21
     acetate
               and
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     aqueous layer extracted with further ethyl acetate
     (4x500ml), drying and solvent removal left an oil
23
     (228g) heavily contaminated with DMF.
24
                                               This oil was
     taken into ether (1 litre) and washed with brine
25
     (2x11) then the organic layer dried
26
                                               (magnesium
     sulphate), solvent removed under reduced pressure to
27 .
     leave the desired material (179g) contaminated with a
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29
     small amount of dibenzyl malonate.
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     [alpha]_{D} = +22.5^{O} (c = 2, methanol)
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 $delta_{H}$ (250 MHz, $CDCl_{3}$) 7.40 - 7.25 (10H, m, Aromatic 1 H), 5.14 (4H, 2xABq, CH_2Ph), 3.77 (1H, d, J= 10Hz, 2 BnO₂CCHCO₂Bn), 3.09 (1H, dt, J= 3 CH_2CHCO_2tBu), 1.50 (3H, m, $CH_2 + CHMe_2$)1.41 (9H, s, 4 $C(CH_3)_3$) and 0.88 (6H, 2xd, J= 7Hz). 5 6 d) [4-Benzyloxy-3-benzyloxycarbonyl-2R-isobutyl-7 succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide 8 9 Benzyl(2-benzyloxycarbonyl-5-methyl-3R-tert-butoxycarb-10 onyl)-hexanoate (281.4g, 0.56 mol) was taken up in 5% 11 water in TFA (410 ml) and allowed to stand at 50 12 overnight. After this time the TFA was evaporated 13 under reduced pressure then the residue partitioned 14 between DCM (11) and brine (200ml). Solvent removal 15 left an oil which crystallised on standing (230g). 16 17 The crude acid from this reaction was dissolved in DMF 18 (11), then HOBT (95.3g, 0.64 mol), NMM (64g, 0.64 mol) 19 and phenylalanine-N-methylamide (113.0g, 0.64 mol) were 20 The mixture was cooled added at room temperature. 21 to 0° before dropwise addition of DCC (131.0g, 0.64 22 mol) in THF (11). This solution was stirred to room 23 temperature over the weekend. The precipitated DCU was 24 removed by filtration then the solvents were removed 25 from the filtrate under reduced pressure to leave an 26 oil. This oily residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate 27 then washed with 10% citric acid, 10% sodium 28

bicarbonate and saturated brine. The organic layer was

dried (magnesium sulphate), filtered then the solvent

removed under reduced pressure to give the title

on silica using gradient elution (0 -

This material was columned

50%

compound as an oil (400g).

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acetate in hexane) to remove impurities and
 1
                                                       separate
 2
        small amount of the minor diastereoisomer.
     material from the column (195g) was recrystallised
 3
             DIPE to give the title compound as a white
 4
 5
     crystalline solid (140.2g, 0.25 mol, 47%)
 6
     m.p. 98 -99<sup>0</sup>
 7
     Analysis calculated for C33H38N2O6
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     Requires C 70.95 H 6.86 N 5.01
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10
     Found
              C 70.56 H 6.89 N 5.06
11
     delta<sub>H</sub>
12
              (250MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.42 - 7.13 (15H ,m, Aromatic
13
     H), 6.58 (1H,
                        d,
                             J=7.7Hz, CONH), 5.75 (1H, m,
14
     CONHMe), 5.20 - 5.05 (4H, m, OCH_2Ph), 4.50 (1H, dt, J=
15
     6.9,7.7Hz, CHCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.79 (1H,
                                             d,
                                                     J = 9.1Hz
     C\underline{H}(CO_2Bn)), 3.15 - 2.91 (2H, m, C\underline{H}_2Ph), 2.65 (3H, d, J=
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     4.8Hz, CONHC\underline{H}_3), 1.52 (1H, m, CHC\underline{H}_2CH), 1.32 (1H, m,
18
     C\underline{H}(CH_3)), 1.05 (1H, m, CHC\underline{H}_2CH), and 0.74 (6H, 2xd, J=
19
     6.5Hz, CH(CH_3)_2
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     e) [4-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3-ethenylsuccinyl]-L-phenyl-
22
     alanine-N-methylamide.
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24
     [4-Benzyloxy-3-benzyloxycarbonyl-2R-isobutylsuccinyl]-
25
     L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (29.6g, 53mmol) was taken
26
     up in ethanol, ammonium formate (16.7g, 265mmol) added
     followed by 10% palladium
                                           charcoal (6q) as a
27
                                      on
     slurry in isopropyl alcohol.
                                      After 30 minutes at room
28
     temperature the catalyst was removed by filtration,
29
    then washed with ethanol to give a solution
30
     crude diacid. To this was added piperidine (5.0g)
31
     the mixture stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes
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aqueous formaldehyde (40%

before addition of

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solution, 25ml). After 18 hours at room temperature
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    the mixture was refluxed for 1 h.
                                               Solvents were
2
    removed under reduced pressure and the residue
3
    partitioned between ethyl acetate and citric acid.
4
    The acid layer was extracted with further portions of
5
    ethyl acetate (2x250ml), the combined organic layers
6
    were extracted with potassium carbonate (3x200ml).
7
    These base extracts were acidified to pH 4 and
8
    re-extracted with DCM then the organic layer dried
9
                     magnesium sulphate. Solvent removal
10
    under reduced pressure gave the desired product as a
11
     white solid (9.35g, 27.0mmol, 51%).
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13
     m.p. 149-151°C
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15
    delta_H (250MHz, CDCl_3) 8.37 (2H, d, J=9.0Hz, CON\underline{H}),
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    7.39 (1H, m, CON_{HMe}), 7.27 - 7.06 (5H, m, Aromatic
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    H), 6.40 (1H, s, C_{\underline{H}_2}CHCO_2H), 5.78 (1H, s, C_{\underline{H}_2}CHCO_2H),
18
     4.93 (1H, q, J= 7Hz, C\underline{H}CH_2Ph), 3.92 (1H, m, CH_2C\underline{H}CONH),
19
     2.95 (2H, m, C_{\underline{H}_2}Ph), 2.71 (3H, d, J=4.1Hz, NHC_{\underline{H}_3}),
20
     1.68 (1H, m), 1.45 (2H, m), and 0.86 (6H, 2xd, J=
21
     5.8Hz, CH(C\underline{H}_3)_2).
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23
     delta<sub>C</sub> (63.9Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 173.3, 172.8, 169.6, 139.1,
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     136.3, 129.2, 128.3, 127.0, 126.6, 54.4, 43.5, 41.4,
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     39.1, 26.2, 25.7, 22.5 and 22.4
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     f) [4-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3S-(phenylthiomethyl)-
28
     succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
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     [4-Hydroxy-2R-isobuty-3-ethenylsuccinyl]-L-phenyl-
31
     alanine-N-methylamide (15.0g, 44mmol) was dissolved in
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     thiophenol
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(150ml) and the mixture stirred in the dark under
    nitrogen at 60° for 2 days. Ether was added to the
2
    cooled reaction mixture and the precipitated product
3
                                 The solid was washed with
    collected by filtration.
4
     large volumes of ether and dried under vacuum to give
5
     the title compound (13.1g, 28.7mmol, 65%).
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7
     m.p. 199-201<sup>O</sup>C
8
     Analysis calculated for C25H32N2O4S
9
    Requires C 65.76 H 7.06 N 6.14 S 7.02
10
            C 65.69 H 7.06 N 6.07 S 7.05
11
     Found
12
     delta<sub>H</sub> (250MHz, D_6-DMSO) 8.40 (1H, d, J= 9Hz, CONH),
13
     7.82 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.35 - 7.10 (7H, m, Aromatic
14
     H), 7.04 (3H, m, Aromatic H), 4.62 (1H, m, CHCH<sub>2</sub>Ph),
15
     2.94 (1H, dd, J= 14,5Hz, CHC\underline{H}_2Ph), 2.89 (1H, dd, J=
16
     14,9Hz, CHC\underline{H}_2Ph), 2.62 (3H, d, J= 4.5Hz, CONHC\underline{H}_3), 2.41
17
     (3H, m, 2xCH + CH<sub>2</sub>SPh), 2.23 (1H, d, J= 12Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>SPh),
18
     1.43 (1H, m, CHCH_2CH), 1.30 (1H, bm, CH(CH_3)_2), 0.90
19
     (1H, m, CHCH_2CH) and 0.78 (6H, 2xd, J=6.5Hz, CH(CH_3)_2.
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     g) [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(phenylthio-
22.
     methyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
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24
     [4-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3S-(phenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-
2.5
     L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (16.8g,
                                                37 mmol) and
26
                        mmol) were dissolved in DCM / DMF
     HOBT (6.6g, 44
27
     (4:1) and the mixture cooled to 00 before adding WSCDI
28
     (8.5g, 44 mmol) and NMM (4.5g, 44 mmol). The mixture
29
     was stirred at 0° for 1h to ensure complete formation
30
     of the activated ester. Hydroxylamine hydrochloride
31
     (3.8g, 55 mmol) and NMM (5.6g, 55 mmol) were dissolved
32
     in DMF then this mixture added dropwise to the cooled
3.3
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solution of the activated ester. After 1h the reaction
 1
     was poured into ether / water (1:1) whereupon the
 2
     desired product precipitated as white crystals. These
 3
     were collected by filtration, further washed with ether
 4
     and water then dried under vacuum at 50°.
 5
     material was recrystallised from methanol / water (1:1)
 6
     to remove a trace of the minor diastereomer (9.03g,
 7
     19.2 mmol, 52%).
 8
 9
     m.p. 227-229°C
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11
     [alpha]_D = -88^{\circ} (c = 10, methanol)
12
13
     delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 8.84 (1H, d, J= 1.5Hz, NHO<u>H</u>),
14
     8.35 (1H, d, J= 8.7Hz, CONH), 7.87 (1H, m, CONHMe),
15
     7.29 - 6.92 (11H, m, Aromatic H + NHOH), 4.60 (1H, m,
16
     C\underline{H}CH_2Ph), 2.94 (1H, dd, J= 13.5,4.3, CHC\underline{H}_2Ph), 2.77
17
     (1H, dd, J= 13.5,10, CHC\underline{H}_2Ph), 2.60 (3H, d,J= 4.6Hz),
18
     2.53 (1H, m), 2.41 (1H, m), 2.20 (1H, dd,
19
     13.4,2.2Hz, C_{\underline{H}_2}SPh), 2.09 (1H, dd, J=13.4,2.4Hz,
20
     C_{H_2}SPh), 1.38 (2H, m, C_{H}Me_2 + CHC_{H_2}CH), 0.88 (1H,
21
     m, CHC\underline{H}_2CH), 0.82 (3H, d, J= 6.4Hz, CH(C\underline{H}_3)_2), and 0.74
22
     (3H, d, J+ 6.4Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).
23
24
     delta<sub>C</sub> (63.9MHz, D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) 172.9, 171.6, 166.3, 138.1,
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     136.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.0, 127.3, 126.4, 125.2, 54.2,
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     46.4, 46.0, 37.7, 32.4, 25.6, 25.2, 24.2, and 21.7.
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Example 2

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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiophenylthiometh-3 yl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide 4

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a) [4-N-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiophenylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide

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title compound was prepared The [4-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3-ethenylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (400mg, 1.16mmol) by the method described in example 1f, substituting thiophenethiol in the place of thiophenol to give a material (320mg, 0.73mmol, 63%) with the following characteristics.

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m.p. 184-186°C 24

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delta_H (250MHz, D_6 -DMSO) 8.29 (1H, d, J= 8.1Hz, CONH), 26 CONHMe), 7.57 (1H, d, J= 5.1Hz,27 7.84 (1H, m, Thiophene H), 5H, m, Aromatic H), 7.00 (2H, 28 Thiophene H), 4.50 (1H, m, CHCH₂Ph), 2.91 (1H, 29 $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.75 (1H, m, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.56 (3H, 30 4.0Hz, CONHC \underline{H}_3), 2.34 (3H, m), 1.99 (1H, d, J= 9.3Hz, 31 32

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CH_2SHet), 1.42 (1H, m, CHCH_2CH), 1.29 (1H, bm,
1
                  0.87 (1H, m, CHC\underline{H}_2CH), 0.79 (3H, d, J=
     CH(CH_3)_2),
2
     6.4Hz, CH(C\underline{H}_3)_2), and 0.72 (3H, d, J= 6.4Hz, CH(C\underline{H}_3)_2).
3
4
     b) [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiophenylthio-
5
     methyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
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7
     Prepared by the method described in example 1g to
8
     give material with the following characteristics
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     m.p. 236-238°C
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12
     Analysis calculated for C23H30N2O4S2
13
     Requires C 57.84 H 6.54 N 8.80
14
     Found C 57.64 H 6.48 N 8.85
15
16
     delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 8.80 (1H, s, CONHO\underline{H}), 8.08
17
     (1H, d, J=8Hz, CONH), 7.52 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.32 (1H,
18
     dd, J = 4.6, 2.9 Hz, Thiophene H), 7.17 - 6.95 (5H, m,
19
     Aromatic H), 6.89 (2H, m, Thiophene H), 4.46 (1H,
20
     m, CHCH_2Ph), 2.89 (1H, dd, J=13.6,4.4Hz, CHCH_2Ph), 2.72
21
     (1H, dd, J= 13.6,10.5Hz, CHCH_2Ph), 2.54 (3H, d, J=
22
     4.3Hz, CONHC\underline{H}_3), 2.46 (1H, d, J= 12.1Hz, C\underline{H}_2S),
23
     (1H, bt, J= 10.2Hz), 2.14 (1H, bt, J= 10.2Hz), 1.98
24
                  J=12.7,2.5Hz, CHCH_2Ph), 1.35 (1H, bt, J=
25
     (1H, dd,
     11.4Hz, CHC\underline{H}_2CH), 1.22 (1H, bm, CH(C\underline{H}_3)_2), 0.86 (1H,
26
     bt, J=12.6Hz, CHCH_2CH), 0.74 (3H, d, J=6.3Hz,
27
     CH(CH_3)_2, and 0.68 (3H, d, J= 6.4Hz, CH(CH_3)_2).
28
29
     delta<sub>C</sub> (63.9MHz, D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) 172.5, 171.6, 166.1, 138.0,
30
     133.8, 132.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.5, 54.2,
31
32 46.2, 46.0, 38.5, 37.6, 25.8, 25.2, 24.2, and 21.7.
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Example 3 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(benzylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide NHMe CONHOH PhCH₂S by the method described in example 1g to give material with the following characteristics m.p. Analysis calculated for C₂₇H₃₇N₃O₅S.0.5H₂O Requires C 61.81 H 7.30 N 8.00 Found C 61.85 H 7.15 N 7.45 (250MHz, D_6 -DMSO) 8.40 (1H, s, CONHO<u>H</u>), 8.22 delta_r (1H, m, NHMe), 7.20 (5H, m, Aromatic H), 6.58 (4H, m), 4.10 (1H, m, CHC \underline{H}_2 Ph), 3.22 (3H, s, OC \underline{H}_3), 3.04 - 2.45 (4H, m, $2xCH_2Ar$), 2.42 (3H, d, J= 6Hz, NHC H_3), 2.32 -2.08 (4H, m), 0.78 (2H, m, $CHCH_2CH$), and 0.40 - 0.18 $(7H, m, (CH_3)_2CH)$.

Example 4 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(acetylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide Prepared by the method described in example 1g to give material with the following characteristics m.p. 226-227°C Analysis calculated for C21H31N3O5S.H2O Requires C 55.37 H 7.30 N 9.22 C 55.57 H 6.99 N 9.53 Found $delta_{H}$ (250MHz, D_{6} -DMSO) 8.84 (1H, s, NHO \underline{H}), 8.36 (1H, d, J= 8Hz, CONH), 7.80 (1H, d, J= 6Hz, NHMe), 7.20 (%h, m, Aromatic H), 4.58 (1H, m, $CHCH_2Ph$), 3.16 - 2.62 (2H, m, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.54 (3H, d, J= 4Hz, $NHCH_3$), 2.22 (3H, s, CH_3COS), 2.36 - 2.10 (4H, m, $CHCHCH_2S$), 1.36 (2H, m, $CHCH_2CH$), and 0.98 - 0.66 (7H, m, $CH(CH_3)_2$).

Example 5 1 2 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiolmethyl) 3 succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide 4 5 6 7 NHMe 8 9 CONHOH 10 11 12 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(acetylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (30mg, 13 0.06mmol) was stirred in methanol (3ml) with 14 15 methylamine (1ml methanolic solution) at temperature. After 30 minutes the crystalline 16 17 product (20mg, 0.05mmol, 74%) was filtered off and 18 dried. 19 m.p. 234°C 20 21 Analysis calculated for C19H39N3O4S.1.5H2O Requires C 54.10 H 7.63 N 9.94 S 7.60 22 23 Found C 54.28 H 7.16 N 10.43 S 7.80 24 $delta_{H}$ (250MHz, D_{6} -DMSO) 8.28 (1H, d, J= 9Hz, NHOH), 25 7.80 (1H, m, NHMe), 7.22 (5H, m, Aromatic H), 4.60 (1H, 26 m, $CHCH_2Ph$), 3.08 - 2.56 (2H, m, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.50 (3H, d, 27 J = 4Hz, $NHCH_2$), 2.40 - 2.02 (4H, m, $CHCHCH_2SH$), 1.44 28 - 1.22 (2H, m, CHC \underline{H}_2 CH) and 0.98 - 0.72 (7H, m, 29 $CH(CH_3)_2$. 30 31

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1 <u>Example 6</u>

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3 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(benzoylthiomethyl)-4 succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide

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12 The title compound wa

The title compound was prepared by the method described in Example 1g to give material with the following

15 characteristics

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17 m.p. 227 - 228°

18 Analysis calculated for C21H31N3O5S

19 Requires C 62.50 H 6.66 N 8.41

20 Found C 62.32 H 6.67 N 8.40

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22 delta_H (250 MHz, CDCl₃:D₆DMSO (1:1)) 8.82 (1H, s,

23 NHOH), 8.25 (1H, d, J=8.4Hz, NHOH), 7.87 (2H, dd,

24 J=8.5, 1.1Hz), 7.60 (2H, m, Ar-H and CONH), 7.50 (2H,

25 t, J=8.2Hz), 7.28 (2H, d, J=8.4Hz), 7.16 (2H, t,

26 J=7.2Hz), 7.04 (1H, t, J=8.5Hz), 4.65 (1H, m, $C\underline{H}CH_2Ph$),

27 3.06 (1H, dd, J=14.1, 5.0Hz, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.90 (1H, dd,

28 J=13.9, 10Hz, CHC $\underline{\text{H}}_2$ Ph), 2.73 (2H, m SC $\underline{\text{H}}_2$ Ph), 2.65 (3H,

29 d, J=4.7Hz, NHMe), 2.33 (1H, dt, J=11.0, 4.7Hz), 1.51

30 (1H, t, J=7Hz, $C_{\underline{H}_2}$ CHMe₂), 1.24 (1H, m, $C_{\underline{H}}$ Me₂), 0.97

31 (1H, t, J=7Hz, $C_{\underline{H}_2}$ CHMe₂), 0.84 (3H, d, J=6.5Hz, $C_{\underline{H}_2}$)

32 and 0.79 (3H, d; J=6.5Hz, $CHMe_2$).

Example 7

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3 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(pivaloylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide

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CONHOH

[4-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3S-(pivaloy1thiomethyl) 16 succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (0,8g, 1.7 mmol) and HOBT (0.31g, 2.1 mmol) were dissolved in 1:1 17 DCM/DMF and the mixture cooled to 0°C before adding 18 WSDCI (0.4g, 2.1mmol) and NMM (0.21g, 2.1mmol). The 19. mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1h to ensure complete 20 21 formation of the activated ester. Hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.18g, 2.6mmol) and NMM (0.26g, 2.6mmol) 22 were dissolved in DMF then this mixture was added 23 dropwise to the cooled solution of the activated ester. 24 After 1h the reaction was poured into ether/water (1:1) 25 26 whereupon the desired product precipitated as white crystals. These were collected by filtration, further 27 washed with ether and water, then dried under vacuum at 28 50°C . This material was recrystallised from 29 methanol/water (1:1) to remove a trace of the minor 30 diastereomer (0.38g, 0.7mmol, 45%). 31

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33 m.p. 225°C

 $[alpha]_D = -3.5^{\circ}$ (c=2, methanol)

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2
    Analysis calculated for C24H39N3O5S.0.5 H2O
    Requires: C58.99 H7.84 N8.60
                C58.96 H7.63 N9.55
    Found:
 6
     delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 8.81 (1H, s, J = 1.5Hz, NHO\underline{H}),
 7
    8.30 (1H, d, J=8Hz, CONH), 7.78 (1H, d, J=6Hz, CONHMe),
 8
    7.27-7.03 (5H, m, aromatic H), 4.54 (1H, m, CHCH_2Ph),
 9
    2.94 (1H, dd, J = 12,5Hz, CHCH_2Ph), 2.79 (1H, dd, J =
10
    13,10Hz, CHCH_2Ph) 2.56 (3H, d, J = 4.5Hz, NHCH_3), 2.44
11
     (2H, m), 2.20 (1H, dd, J = 13,3Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>S), 2.07 (1H,
12
13
    dt), 1.36 (2H, m), 1.13 (9H, s, C(CH_3)_3), 0.87 (1H, m,
14
    C_{H_2}CH(CH_3)_2, 0.79 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(C_{H_3})_2), and 0.74
    (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).
15
16
    delta<sub>C</sub> (63.9MHz, D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) 172.55, 171.59, 168.24,
17
    138.03, 129.18, 128.00, 126.24, 54.21, 46.48, 45.84,
18
    45.55, 37.61, 28.30, 27.13, 25.64, 25.25, 24.24, and
19
    21.63.
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21
    Example 8
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23
    [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(phenylthiomethyl)
24
    succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide sodium salt
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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(phenylthiomethyl)

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succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (0,2g, 0.4
 2
    mmol) was dissolved in 20ml of methanol and 1eg of 0.1N
 3
    NaOH(aq) added. The solvent was removed in vacuo and
 4
    the residue dissolved in water and freeze-dried
 5
    (0.21g, 0.4 mmol, 100%).
 6
 7
    m.p. 184<sup>o</sup>C
 8
 9
    [alpha]_D = -7.7^{\circ} (c=2, methanol)
10
11
    delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 8.62 (1H, s, J = 1.5Hz, NHOH),
12
    8.28 (1H, d, J = 8Hz, CONH), 7.26 - 7.04 (10H, m,
13
    aromatic H), 4.43 (1H, m, CHCH_2Ph), 3.00 (1H, dd, J =
14
    14,4Hz, CHC\underline{H}_{2}Ph), 2.84 (1H, dd, J = 14,10Hz, CHC\underline{H}_{2}Ph),
15
    2.55 (3H, d, J = 4.5Hz, NHCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.46 (3H, m), 2.21 (1H,
16
    m), 1.39 (1H, m), 1.14 (1H, m), 1.00 (1H,m), and 0.70
17
    (6H, d, J = 5.7Hz)
18
19
    Example 9
20
21
    [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-methoxyphenyl-
22
    thiomethyl)
23
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25
                                          NHMe
26
27
                                CONHOH
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succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide[4-Hydroxy-2R-
 1
    isobuty1-3S-(4-methoxyphenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-
 2
    phenylalanine-N-methylamide (0,5g, 1 mmol) and HOBT
 3
    (0.18g, 1.2 mmol) were dissolved in 1:1 DCM/DMF and the
 4
    mixture cooled to 0°C before adding WSDCI (0.23g,
 5
    1.2mmol) and NMM (0.12g, 1.2mmol). The mixture was
 6
    stirred at 0°C for 1h to ensure complete formation of
 7
    the activated ester. Hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.1g,
 8
    1.5mmol) and NMM (0.15g, 1.5mmol) were dissolved in DMF
 9
    then this mixture was added dropwise to the cooled
10
    solution of the activated ester. After 1h the reaction
11
    was poured into ether/water (1:1) whereupon the desired
12
    product precipitated as white crystals. These were
13
    collected by filtration, further washed with ether and
14
    water, then dried under vacuum at 50°C. This material
15
    was recrystallised from methanol/water (1:1) to remove
16
    a trace of the minor diastereomer (0.36g, 0.7mmol,
17
    72%).
18
19
    m.p. 225°C
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21
    [alpha]_D = +8^O (c=0.5, methanol)
22
23
    Analysis calculated for C26H35N3O5S
24
    Requires: C62.25 H7.04 N8.38
25
             C62.43 H7.09 N8.37
    Found:
26
27
    delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 8.83 (1H, s, J = 1.5Hz, NHO<u>H</u>),
28
    8.28 (1H, d, J = 8Hz, CONH), 7.83 (1H, d, J = 6Hz,
29
    CONHMe), 7.28 - 6.86 (9H, m, aromatic H), 4.52 (1H, m,
30
    CHCH_2Ph), 3.73 (3H, s, OCH_3), 2.91 (1H, dd, J = 14,4Hz,
31
    CHCH_{2}Ph), 2.75 (1H, dd, J = 14,10Hz, CHCH_{2}Ph), 2.57
32
    (3H, d, J = 4.5Hz, NHCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.50 - 2.34 (2H,m), 2.16 -
33
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1.99 (2H, m, $CH_2CH(CH3)_2$) 1.36 (2H, m), 0.88 (1H, m, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$), 0.80 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), and 0.73 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$).

4 delta_C (63.9MHz, D₆-DMSO) 172.79, 171.62, 168.39, 138.14, 131.34, 129.19, 128.00, 126.44, 114.59, 55.32, 54.20, 38.68, 25.63, 25.17, 24.26, and 21.70.

Example 10

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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-hydroxyphenyl-thiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide

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[4-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-hydroxyphenylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (0,4g, 0.8 mmol) and HOBT (0.15g, 1.0 mmol) were dissolved in 1:1 DCM/DMF and the mixture cooled to 0°C before adding WSDCI (0.20g, 1.0mmol) and NMM (0.1g, 1.0mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1h to ensure complete formation of the activated ester. Hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.09g, 1.3mmol) and NMM (0.13g,1.3mmol) were dissolved in DMF then this mixture was added dropwise to the cooled solution of the activated ester. After 1h the reaction was poured into ether/water (1:1)

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whereupon the desired product precipitated as white
 2 crystals. These were collected by filtration, further
 3 washed with ether and water, then dried under vacuum at
 4 50°C. This material was recrystallised from
    methanol/water (1:1) to remove a trace of the minor
    diastereomer (0.13g, 0.2mmol, 31%).
 6
 7
    m.p. 216°C
 8
 9
    [alpha]_D = -65^{\circ} (c=0.5, methanol)
10
11
    Analysis calculated for C_{25}H_{33}N_3O_5S
12
    Requires: C61.58 H6.82 N8.62
13
    Found:
              C61.43 H6.81 N8.08
14
15
    delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 8.82 (1H, s, J = 1.5Hz, NHOH),
16
    8.26 (1H, d, J = 8Hz, CONH), 7.81 (1H, d, J = 6Hz,
17
   CONHMe), 7.27 - 6.64 (9H, m, aromatic H), 4.49 (1H, m,
18
    CHCH_2Ph), 2.90 (1H, dd, J=14,4Hz, CHCH_2Ph), 2.74 (1H,
19
    dd, J=14,10Hz, CHCH_2Ph), 2.57 (3H, d, J=4.5Hz,
20
21
    NHCH_3), 2.54 - 2.29 (2H, m), 2.14 - 1.98 (2H, m,
    CH_2CH(CH3)_2), 1.35 (2H, m), 0.88 (1H, m, CH_2CH(CH_3)_2),
22
    0.80 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), and 0.73 (3H, d, J =
23
    6Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).
24
25
             (63.9MHz, D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) 172.81, 171.66, 168.46,
26
    156.50, 133.02, 132.17, 129.17, 128.02, 126.44, 124.17,
27
    116.00, 54.20, 46.35, 46.13, 37.59, 35.40, 25.62,
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    25.16, 24.27, and 21.69.
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Example 11
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3 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(2-thiophenethio-4 methyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide sodium 5 salt

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H CONHONA NHME

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16 [4-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobuty

16 [4-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(2-thiophenethiomethyl)

17 succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (0,2g, 0.4

 $_{18}$ mmol) was dissolved in 20ml of methanol and 1eq of 0.1N

19 NaOH(aq) added. The solvent was removed in vacuo and

20 the residue dissolved in water and freeze-dried

21 (0.21g, 0.4 mmol, 100%).

22

23 m.p. 170°C

24

25 [alpha]_D = -67° (c=1, methanol)

26

28

27 delta_H (250MHz, d₆-DMSO), 7.51 (1H, d), 7.19 - 6.97

(8H, m, aromatic H), 4.32 (1H, m, CHCH₂Ph), 3.00 (1H,

29 dd, J = 14,4Hz, CHCH₂Ph), 2.84 (1H, dd, J = 14,10Hz,

30 CHC \underline{H}_2 Ph) 2.53 (3H, d, J = 4.5Hz, NHC \underline{H}_3), 2.46 2.19 (3H,

31 m), 1.37 (1H, m), 1.09 (1H, m), 0.93 (1H, m), and 0.67

32 (6H, m)

Example 12

[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-methoxyphenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide sodium salt

[4-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-methoxyphenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (0,1g, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in 20ml of methanol and 1eq of 0.1N NaOH(aq) added. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue dissolved in water and freeze-dried (0.1g,0.2 mmol,100%).

m.p. 174°C

 $[alpha]_D = -58^{\circ}$ (c=1, methanol)

 $delta_H$ (250MHz, D_6 -DMSO 12.26 - 7.04 (10H, m, aromatic H), 4.31 (1H, m, CHCH₂Ph), 3.73 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.25 -2.72 (2H, m, CHCH₂Ph), 2.50 (3H, s, NHC $\underline{\text{H}}_3$), 2.36 (1H, m), 2.15 (1H, m), 1.37 (1H, m), 0.95 (1H, m), and 0.69 (6H, d, CHCH₂(CH₃)₂).

Example 13

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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-tertbutylphenyl-thiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide

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H CONHOH

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[4-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-tertbutylphenylthiomethyl) 16 succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (5.0q, 10 mmol) 17 and HOBT (1.76g, 12 mmol) were dissolved in 1:1 DCM/DMF .18 and the mixture cooled to 0°C before adding WSDCI 19 (2.3g, 12mmol) and NMM (1.2g, 12mmol). The mixture was 20 stirred at 0°C for 1h to ensure complete formation of 21 the activated ester. Hydroxylamine hydrochloride 22 (1.0g, 15mmol) and NMM (1.2g, 15mmol) were dissolved in 23 DMF then this mixture was added dropwise to the cooled 24 solution of the activated ester. After 1h the reaction 25 was poured into ether/water (1:1) whereupon the desired 26 product precipitated as white crystals. These were 27 collected by filtration, further washed with ether and 28 water, then dried under vacuum at 50°C. This material 29 was repeatedly recrystallised from methanol/water (1:1) 30 to remove a trace of the minor diastereomer (0.7g, . 31 1.3mmol, 14%). 32

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M.p. 188.5 -190°C
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 2
    Analysis calculated for C29H41N3O4S
 3
    Requires: C66.00 H7.83 N7.96
 4
    Found:
                C65.80 H7.81 N7.76
 5
 6
    delta<sub>H</sub> (250MHz, D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) 8.83 (1H, s, NHOH), 8.33 (1H,
 7
    d, J = 8Hz, CONH), 7.86 (1H, d, J = 6Hz, CONHMe), 7.28
 8
     - 6.90 (9H, m, aromatic H), 4.60 (1H, m, CHCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 2.94
 9
     (1H, dd, J = 14,4Hz, CHCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 2.77 (1H, dd, J =
10
     14,10Hz, CHC\underline{H}_2Ph), 2.58 (3H, d, J = 4.5Hz, NHC\underline{H}_3), 2.55
11
     - 2.37 (2H, m), 2.22 - 2.08 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH3)<sub>2</sub>), 1.37
12
    (2H, m), 1.26 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (1H,
13
    C_{H_2}CH(C_{H_3})_2, 0.81 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(C_{H_3})_2), and 0.74
     (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).
15
16
              (63.9MHz, D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) 172.88, 171.59, 168.34,
17
    147.87, 138.10, 133.09, 129.13, 127.95, 127.45, 126.36,
18
    125.70, 54.19, 54.20, 46.38, 46.06, 37.70, 34.20, 32.79
19
    31.24, 25.64, 25.19, 24.25, and 21.72.
20
21
    Example 14
22
23
    [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(2,4-
24
    dimethylphenylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-
25
    methylamide
26
27
28
29
30
                                СОИНОН
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1 [4-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3S-(2,4-dimethylphenylthio-2 methyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (1.8g, 3 3.7 mmol) and HOBT (0.67g, 12 mmol) were dissolved in 1:1 DCM/DMF and the mixture cooled to 0°C before adding WSDCI (0.86g, 4.5mmol) and NMM (0.45g, 4.5mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1h to ensure complete 7 formation of the activated ester. Hydroxylamine 8 hydrochloride (0.39g, 5.6mmol) and NMM (0.56g, 5.6mmol) 9 were dissolved in DMF then this mixture was added 10 dropwise to the cooled solution of the activated ester. 11 After 1h the reaction was poured into ether/water (1:1) 12 whereupon the desired product precipitated as white 13 crystals. These were collected by filtration, further 14 washed with ether and water, then dried under vacuum at 15 50°C. This material was repeatedly recrystallised from 16 methanol/water (1:1) to remove a trace of the minor 17 diastereomer (1.08g, 2.2mmol, 58%).

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m.p. 226°C (dec.)

20 21

Analysis calculated for $\mathrm{C_{27}H_{3}7N_{3}O_{4}S}$

22 Requires: C64.90 H7.46 N8.41

23 Found: C65.15 H7.48 N8.40

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25 delta_H (250MHz, D_6 -DMSO) 8.83 (1H, s, NHO<u>H</u>), 8.32 (1H, 26 d, J = 8Hz, CONH), 7.85 (1H, d, J = 6Hz, CONHMe), 7.30 27 - 6.71 (9H, m, aromatic H), 4.56 (1H, m, CHCH₂Ph), 2.91 28 (1H, dd, J = 14,4Hz, CHCH₂Ph), 2.76 (1H, dd, J =29 14,10Hz, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.57 (3H, d, J = 4.5Hz, $NHCH_2$), 2.53 30 - 2.38 (2H, m), 2.23 (3H, s, $C_6H_5(CH_3)$ 2), 2.13 (3H, s, 31 $C_6H_5(CH_3)$, 1.30 (2H, m), 0.89 (1H, m, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$), 32 0.81 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), and 0.74 (3H, d, J =33 6Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$).

Example 15

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CONHOH CONHOH Н NHMe

[4(N-Hydroxyamino-2R-isobutyl-3S-(acetylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (1.0g, 2.4 mmol) was dissolved in 750ml methanol and 350ml pH 7 buffer added. Left to stand overnight and solvent removed in vacuo to 2/3 volume, left to crystallise for a further two hours. Filtered and dried to give 0.87g off-white crystals

Analysis calculated for C38H56N6O8S2.1.9H2O

Requires: C55.34 H6.93 N9.88

C55.44 H7.32 N10.21

Example 16

[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(3-bromophenylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide

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Prepared by the method described in example 1g to give material with the following characteristics.

m.p. 225 -229°C

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 $[alpha]_{D} = -164.8^{\circ}$

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Analysis calculated for C₂5H₃₂BrN₃O₄S

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Found:

Requires: C54.40 H5.89 N7.40

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C54.54 H5.86 N7.63

12 $delta_{H}$ (250MHz, D_{6} -DMSO) 8.83 (1H, s, NHO \underline{H}), 8.35 (1H, 13 d, J = 8Hz, CONH), 7.90 (1H, q, J = 6Hz, CONHMe), 7.35 14 - 6.87 (9H, m, aromatic H), 4.64 (1H, m, CHCH₂Ph), 2.94 15 (1H, dd, J = 14,4Hz, CHCH₂Ph), 2.76 (1H, t, J = 13Hz)16 $CHC\underline{H}_{2}Ph)$ 2.60 (3H, d, J = 5Hz, $NHC\underline{H}_{3}$), 2.55 - 2.35 (2H, 17 m, $C\underline{H}_2S$), 2.15 (1H, t, J = 10Hz, $C\underline{H}CO$), 2.01 (1H, d, J 18 = 11.5Hz, $C\underline{H}CO$), 1.37 (2H, m), 0.88 (1H, 19 $C_{H_2}CH(CH_3)_2$, 0.81 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, $CH(C_{H_3})_2$), and 0.74 20 $(3H, d,J = 6Hz, CH(CH_3)_2).$

21 - 22

delta_C (63.9MHz, D₆-DMSO) 173.0, 171.0, 168.8, 139.8, 138.0, 130.5, 129.0, 128.5, 127.5, 125.8, 125.5, 54.2, 46.0, 45.5, 38.0, 31.5, 25.5, 25.2, 24.7, and 21.0.

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Example 17

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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(3-chlorophenylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide

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Prepared by the method described in example 1g to give
     material with the following characteristics.
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     m.p. 231-234°C
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     [alpha]_{D} = -96.5^{\circ}
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     Analysis calculated for C<sub>2</sub><sup>5</sup>H<sub>3</sub>2ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S
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     Requires: C59.34 H6.37 N8.30
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     Found: C59.51 H6.43 N8.24
11
     delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 8.85 (1H, s, N\underline{H}OH), 8.37 (1H,
12
     d, J = 8.5 Hz, CONH), 7.90 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.30 - 6.88
13
     (9H, m, aromatic H), 4.66 (1H, m, CHCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 2.96 (1H,
14
     bd, J = 14Hz, CHCH_2Ph), 2.76 (1H, bt, J = 13Hz,
15
     CHC\underline{H}_{2}Ph) 2.60 (3H, d, J = 5Hz, NHC\underline{H}_{3}), 2.55 - 2.40 (2H,
16
     m, CH_2S), 2.16 (1H, m, CHCO), 2.01 (1H, d, J = 14Hz,
17
     CHCO), 1.37 (2H, m), 0.91 (1H, m, CH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.81
18
     (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), and 0.74 (3H, d, J =
19
20
     6Hz, CH(CH_3)<sub>2</sub>).
21
     delta<sub>C</sub> (63.9MHz, D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) 172.7, 171.6, 168.1, 139.2,
22
     138.1, 130.3, 129.2, 127.9, 126.2, 125.9, 125.5, 125.0,
23
     54.1, 46.3, 45.8, 37.8, 32.0, 25.7, 25.2, 24.2, and
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25
     21.7.
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Example 18

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> [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobuty1-3S-(3-3 methylphenylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-4 methylamide 5

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Prepared by the method described in example 1g to give 15 material with the following characteristics. 16

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Analysis calculated for C26H35N3O4S 18

Requires: C64.30 H7.26 N8.65 19

Found: C63.81 H7.21 N8.48 20

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delta_H (250MHz, D₆-DMSO) 8.83 (1H, s, NHOH), 8.35 (1H, 22 d, J = 8.5Hz, CONH), 7.86 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.28 - 6.77

23 (9H, m, aromatic H), 4.66 (1H, m, CHCH₂Ph), 2.96 (1H, 24

dd, J = 14,4Hz, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.80 (1H, bt, J = 13Hz, 25

 $CHCH_2Ph$) 2.59 (3H, d, J = 5Hz, $NHCH_3$), 2.55 - 2.37 (2H, 26

m, CH_2S), 2.16 (2H, m, 2xCHCO), 1.38 (2H, m), 0.91 (1H, 27

m, $C_{\underline{H}_2}CH(CH_3)_2$, 0.81 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, $CH(C_{\underline{H}_3})_2$), and 28

0.74 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$). 29

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Example 19
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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(N-acetyl)-aminophenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide.

16 A) [2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-aminophenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-17 L-phenylalanine -N-methylamide.

19 Prepared by the method described in example 1f to give 20 material with the following characteristics.

 $delta_{H}$ (250MHz, D_{6} -DMSO) 8.27 (1H, d, J = 8.5Hz, CONH), 7.81 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.30 - 7.00 (5H, m, phenyl H), 6.86 (2H, d, J = 8.5Hz, aromatic H), 6.45 (2H, d, J =8.5Hz, aromatic H), 5.25 (1H, bs, $CO_{2}H$), 4.48 (1H, m, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.91 (1H, dd, J = 14,4Hz, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.88 (1H, dd, J = 14,10Hz, $CHCH_2Ph$) 2.56 (3H, d, J = 5Hz, $NHCH_3$), 2.43 - 2.24 (3H, m, CH_2S and CHCO), 2.03 (1H, d, J = 10Hz, CHCO), 1.41 (1H, t, J = 11Hz, CH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 1.26 (1H, m, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$), 0.85 (1H, m, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$), 0.81 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), and 0.74 (3H, d, J=6Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2).$

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B) [2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(N-acetyl)aminophenyl-thio-
    methyl) - succinyl] - Lphenylalanine - N - methylamide.
 2
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    The product from above (350mg, 0.74 mmol) was dissolved
 4
    in DCM (5 ml) cooled in an ice bath then triethylamine
 5
    (75mg, 0.74 mmol), DMAP (91mg, 7.4 mmol) and finally
 6
    acetic anhydride (83mg, 8.2 mmol) were added and the
    solution stirred at RT for 90 minutes. The mixture was
 8
    partitioned between ethyl acetate and citric acid then
 9
    the organic layer washed with water and finally dried
10
    over magnesium sulphate. Solvent removal gave the crude
11
    product as pale yellow crystals (160mg, 0.31 mmol,
12
    42%).
13
14
    delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 9.94 (1H, s, CO_{2}H), 8.34 (1H,
15
    d, J = 8.5Hz, CONH), 7.90 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.46 (2H, d,
16
    J = 8.5Hz, aromatic H) 7.30 - 7.00 (5H, m, phenyl H),
17
    6.96 (2H, d, J = 8.5Hz, aromatic H), 4.57 (1H, m,
18
    C\underline{H}CH_2Ph), 2.91 (1H, dd, J = 14,4Hz, CHC\underline{H}_2Ph), 2.88 (1H,
19
    bt, J = 13Hz, CHCH_2Ph), 2.58 (3H, d, J = 5Hz, NHCH_3),
20
    2.43 - 2.16 (3H, m, CH_2S and CHCO), 2.10 (1H, d, J =
21
    14Hz, CHCO), 1.35 (1H, t, J = 14Hz, CH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 1.26
22
    (1H, m, CH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.86 (1H, m, CH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.81
23
    (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)2), and 0.74 (3H, d, J =
24
    6Hz, CH(CH_3)_2).
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26
         [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(N-acetyl)-
    C)
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         aminophenylthiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-
28
         methylamide.
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Prepared by the method described in example 1g to give material with the following characteristics.

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m.p. 201 -202°C (dec.)
 2
    [alpha]_D = -7.5^{\circ} (c=1.0, methanol)
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 4
    delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 9.90 (1H, s, NHOH), 8.82 (1H,
 5
    s, NHOH), 8.30 (1H, d, J = 8.5Hz, CONH), 7.85 (1H, m,
    CONHMe), 7.45 (2H, d, J = 8.5Hz, aromatic H), 7.28 -
 7
    6.94 (5H, m, phenyl H), 6.90 (2H, d, J = 8.5Hz,
    aromatic H), 4.66 (1H, m, CHCH_2Ph), 2.90 (1H, dd, J =
    14,4Hz, CHCH_2Ph), 2.76 (1H, bt, J = 13Hz, CHCH_2Ph),
10
    2.50 (3H, d, J = 5Hz, NHCH_3), 2.49 - 2.35 (2H, m,
11
    CH_2S), 2.14 (1H, m, CHCO), 2.03 (4H, s + m, COCH_3 and
12
    CHCO), 1.35 (2H, m), 0.86 (1H, m, CH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.81
13
    (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), and 0.74 (3H, d, J = 6Hz,
14
    CH(CH_3)_2).
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    Example 20
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    [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenylsulfinyl-
19
    methylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide.
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31 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenylthiomethyl-32 succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (250mg, 33 0.53mmol) was dissolved in methanol (50 ml) and meta-

chloroperbenzoic acid (100mg, 0.58 mmol) was added.

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After stirring for 1h at room temperature ether was
 2
    added and the mixture filtered.
                                         Solvent removal gave
    the crude white solid which was recrystallised from
    methanol / water then slurried in ether to remove final
 5
    traces of meta-chlorobenzoic acid to give the desired
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 7
    material (70 mg, 0.014 mmol, 27%).
 8
    m.p. 186 -188°C
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10
    [alpha]_D = -13.6^{\circ} (c=0.5, methanol)
11
12
    Analysis calculated for C25H33N3O5S.0.5H2O
13
    Requires: C60.46 H6.90 N8.46
14
    Found:
               C60.58 H6.69 N8.29
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16
    delta<sub>H</sub> (250MHz, D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, mixture of diastereomers) 9.04
17
    + 8.93 (1H, 2xs, NHOH), 8.29 + 8.16 (1H, 2xd, J = 8.5
18
    Hz, CONH), 7.79 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.90 - 7.40 (8H, m,
19
    aromatic H), 7.06 + 6.82 (2H, 2xm, SO-Aromatic), 4.37
20
    (1H, m, CHCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 2.93 - 2.58 (3H, m, containing
21
    CHCH_2Ph), 2.52 (3H, m, NHCH_3), 2.49 + 2.37 (1H, 2xm),
22
    1.49 - 1.25 (2H, m, CH_2CH(CH_3)_2 and CH2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.95
23
    (1H, m, C\underline{H}_2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.81 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(C\underline{H}_3)_2),
24
    and 0.74 (3H, d, J=6Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).
25
26
    deltac
              (63.9MHz, D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, mixture of diastereomers)
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    172.2, 171.4, 171.3, 167.7, 144.5, 138.0, 137.9, 131.3,
28
    130.9, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 127.8, 126.5,
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    126.2, 124.3, 123.6, 59.8, 58.1, 54.3, 54.0, 46.2,
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    45.8, 41.6, 40.9, 37.6, 37.4, 25.6, 25.0, 24.3, 24.2,
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    21.7, and 21.6.
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1 Example 21
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3 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenylsulfonyl-4 methylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide.

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13 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenylthiomethyl-

14 succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (50mg,

15 0.11mmol) was dissolved in methanol (12 ml) and meta-

16 chloroperbenzoic acid (40mg, 0.23 mmol) was added.

17 After stirring for 3h at room temperature ether was

18 added and the mixture filtered. Solvent removal gave

19 the crude white solid which was slurried in ether to

20 remove final traces of meta-chlorobenzoic acid to give

21 the desired material.

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23 m.p. 228 - 231°C

24

25 [alpha]_D = 16.8° (c=0.5, \hat{m} ethanol)

26

27 Analysis calculated for $C_{25}H_{33}N_3O_6S.0.3H_2O$

28 Requires: C58.99 H6.65 N8.25

29 Found: C58.92 H6.51 N8.05

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31 delta_H (250MHz, D₆-DMSO) 8.66 (1H, s, NHOH), 8.25 (1H,

32 d, J = 8.5 Hz, CONH), 7.83 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.75 - 7.50

33 (5H, m, aromatic H), 7.30 7.05 (5H, m, aromatic H),

4.36 (1H, m, CHCH₂Ph), 2.86 (1H, dd, J = 14.5 Hz, 1 $CHCH_{2}Ph)$, 2.75 (1H, dd, J = 14,10 Hz, $CHCH_{2}Ph$), 2.54 2 (3H, d, J = 4.5 Hz, NHCH₃), 2.54 (2H, m), 1.30 (2H, m, $C\underline{H}_2CH(CH_3)_2$ and $CH_2C\underline{H}(CH_3)_2)$, 0.86 (1H, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, 0.75 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$), and 0.71 5 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH₃)₂).6 7 Example 22 8 ġ [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobuty1-3S-10 thiophenylsulphinylmethyl-succinyl] -L-phenylalanine-N-11 methylamide 12 13. 14 15 16 17 СОИНОН 18 19 20 21. [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-thiophenylthio-22 23 methyl-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (50mg, 0.11mmol) was treated as described in example 21 to 24 25. yield the title compound (16mg, 0.03 mmol, 29%) as a mixture of diastereomer with the following 26 characteristics: 27 28 m.p. 195 -197°C (dec.) 29 30 31 Analysis calculated for C₂₃H₃₁N₃O₅S₂.0.5H₂O

Requires: C54.96 H6.42 N8.36

C54.91 H6.23 N8.23

32

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Found:

delta_H (250MHz, D₆-DMSO, mixture of diastereomers) 9.04 + 8.96 (1H, 2xs, NHOH), 8.34 + 8.29 (1H, 2xd, J = 8.5 Hz, CONH), 8.02 + 7.98 (1H, 2xm, CONHMe), 7.81 (1H, bs, thiophene-H), 7.42 (1H, s, thiophene-H), 7.25 - 7.15 (5H, m, phenyl), 7.03 (1H, bs, thiophene-H), 4.43 (1H, m, CHCH₂Ph), 3.0 - 2.6 (4H, m, containing CHCH₂Ph), 2.52 (7H, m, containing NHCH₃), 2.05 (1H, m), 1.6 - 1.2 (2H, m, CH₂CH(CH₃)₂), and 0.85 - 0.71 (6H, m, CH(CH₃)₂).

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Example 23

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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobuty1-3Sthiophenylsulphonylmethyl-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-Nmethylamide.

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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-thiophenylthio-methyl-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (75mg, 0.16mmol) was treated as described in example 22 to yield the title compound (40mg, 0.08 mmol, 49%) with the following characteristics:

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33 Analysis calculated for $C_{23}H_{31}N_3O_6S_2$

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Requires: C54.21 H6.13 N8.24
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     Found:
                C54.07 H6.19 N8.04
 2
 3
     delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 887 (1H, s, NHOH), 8.25 (1H,
 4
     d, J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, CONH), 8.09 (1H, d, J = 4.7 \text{ Hz},
 5
    thiophene-H), 7.83 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.53 (1H, d, J = 3
     Hz, thiophene H), 7.25 - 7.12 (6H, m, phenyl and
 7
    thiophene-H), 4.36 (1H, m, \underline{CHCH_2Ph}), 3.38 (1H, \underline{dd}, \underline{J} =
     14,11 Hz, SCH_2), 2.87 (1H, dd, J = 14,5 Hz, CHCH_2Ph),
10 2.75 (1H, dd, J = 14,10 Hz, CHCH_2Ph), 2.70 - 2.36 (6H,
     m, containing NHC\underline{H}_3), 1.20 (2H, m, \underline{CH}_2CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and
11
     \text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2), 0.89 (1H,m, \text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2), and 0.75 (6H,
12
     m, CH(CH_3)_2).
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14
    delta<sub>C</sub> (63.9MHz, D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) 172.0, 171.2, 166.5, 140.0,
15
     138.0, 135.4, 134.6, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 126.6, 54.3,
16
     45.6, 37.5, 25.6, 25.0, 24.2, and 21.7.
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     Example 24
20
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenylsulfonyl-
21
    methylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide sodium
22
     salt.
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                                CONHONa
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33 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenylsulfonyl-

methylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide (50mg, 1 0.1mmol) was dissolved in methanol (10ml) and sodium 2 hydroxide solution (0.1M, 1.0ml) added to give a 3 The methanol was removed under homogeneous solution. 4 reduced pressure then the residual aqueous solution freeze dried to give the title compound (40mg). 6 7 $delta_{H}$ (250MHz, D_{6} -DMSO) 8.66 (1H, s, NHOH), 8.25 (1H, 8 d, J = 8.5 Hz, CONH), 7.83 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.75 - 7.50 (5H, m, aromatic H), 7.30 7.05 (5H, m, aromatic H), 10 4.36 (1H, m, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.86 (1H, dd, J = 14.5 Hz, 11 $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.75 (1H, dd, J = 14,10 Hz, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.54 12 (3H, d, J=4.5 Hz, NHCH₃), 2.54 (2H, m), 1.30 (2H, m,13 $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$ and $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, 0.86 (1H, 14 $C_{\underline{H}_2}CH(CH_3)_2$), 0.75 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, $CH(C_{\underline{H}_3})_2$), and 0.71 15 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH₃)₂).16 17 Example 25 18 19 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(isobutyloxy-20 carbonylamino)phenyl)thiomethyl-succinyl]-L-phenyl-21 alanine-N-methylamide 22 23 24 25 26

H CONHOH NHME

a) [4-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-aminophenyl)thio-

- methylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide was prepared by the method described in example 1f to give a compound with the following characteristics. 3 4 $delta_{H}$ (250MHz, D_{6} -DMSO) 8.26 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, CONH), 7.81 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.27 - 7.15 (5H, m, phenyl H), 6.85 (2H, d, J = 8.5Hz, aromatic H), 6.46 (2H, d, J= 8.5Hz, aromatic H), 5.2 (1H, bs, $CO_{2}H$), 4.48 (1H, m, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.90 (1H, dd, J = 13.5,4.3 Hz, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.75 (1H, dd, J = 13.6, 10 Hz, $CHCH_2Ph$), 2.56 (3H, d, J =10 4.5 Hz, NHCH3), 2.50 - 2.25 (3H, m), 2.03 (1H, d, J = 11 10 Hz), 1.41 (1H, m, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$), 1.26 (1H, m, 12 $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$), 0.86 (1H, m, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$), 0.75 (3H, d, J 13 = 6Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$, and 0.71 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$). 15 16 b) N,N-Dimethylglycine (100mg, 0.97 mmol) was stirred in dry THF (50ml) and triethylamine (108mg, 1.1mmol) 17 and isobutylchloroformate (146mg, 1.1mmol) were added. 18 After 1h the product from example 26a (500mg, 1.1mmol) 19 was addedand the mixture stirred for a further 1h. The 20 reaction was worked up by partitioning between citric 21 acid and ethyl acetate, drying the organic layer and 22 solvent removal to give the crude product (1g). 23 Solution of the crude solid in ethyl acetate then 24 precipitation with ether resulted in white crystals of 25 the isobutylchloroformate derivative. 26 27 [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(isobutyloxy-28 carbonylamino) phenyl)thiomethyl-succinyl]-L-phenyl-29 alanine-N-methylamide 30
- The product from example 26b was converted to the hydroxamic acid as described in example 1g. to give a compound with the following characteristics.

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m.p. 198 - 200°C
1
 2
    [alpha]_D = -8.5^{\circ} (c=1, methanol)
 3
 4
    Analysis calculated for C_{30}H_{42}N_4O_6S
 5
    Requires: C61.41 H7.22 N9.55
 6
              C62.04 H7.32 N9.67
    Found:
 7
 8
    delta_{H} (250MHz, D_{6}-DMSO) 9.60 (1H, s, NHOH), 8.83 (1H,
    s, NHOH), 8.31 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, CONH), 7.85 (1H, m,
10
    CONHMe), 7.36 - 7.25 (4H, m, aromatic H), 7.14 - 7.05
11
    (3H, m, aromatic H), 6.91 (2H, d, J = 8.5Hz, aromatic
12
    H), 4.56 (1H, m, CHCH_2Ph), 3.87 (2H, d, J = 7Hz,
13
    OCH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 2.92 (1H, dd, J = 13.7,4.0 Hz, CHCH_2Ph),
14
    2.76 (1H, dd, J = 13.6,10 \text{ Hz}, CHCH_2Ph), 2.58 (3H, d, J
15
    = 4.5 \text{ Hz}, NHCH_3), 2.50 - 2.34 (2H, m), 2.16 - 1.87 (3H,
16
    m), 1.35 (2H, m, CH_2CH(CH_3)_2 and CH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.93
17
   (6H, d, J = 6.6Hz, OCH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.87 (1H,m,
18
    C_{H_2}CH(C_{H_3})_2), 0.75 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(C_{H_3})_2), and
19
    0.71 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH_3)_2).
20
21
22
    Example 26
23
24
    [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobuty1-3S-(4-(N-methyl-N-
25
```

(tertbutoxycarbonyl)-glycylamino) phenyl)thiomethylsuccinyl]-Lphenylalanine-N-methylamide.

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[4-Hydroxy-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(N-methyl-N-(tert-
 1
    butoxycarbonyl)glycylamino) phenyl)thiomethyl-
 2
    succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide was prepared as
 3
    described in example 26b by substitution of N-BOC
 4
    sarcosine for the acid component.
 5
 6
    delta<sub>H</sub> (250MHz, D_6-DMSO) 9.97 (1H, s, CO_2H), 8.36 (1H,
 7
    d, J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, CONH), 7.91 (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.48 (2H,
 8
    d, J = 8.5Hz, aromatic H), 7.40 - 7.05 (5H, m, aromatic
 9
    H), 6.97 (2H, d, J = 8.5Hz, aromatic H), 4.58 (1H, m,
10
    CHCH_2Ph), 3.95 (2H, d, J = 9Hz, NCH_2CO), 2.92 (4H, m+d,
11
    CHCH_2Ph and BOCNCH_3), 2.76 (1H, dd, J = 13,10 Hz,
12
    CHCH_2Ph), 2.58 (3H, d, J = 4.5 Hz, NHCH_2), 2.50 - 2.09
13
    (4H, m), 1.46 - 1.33 (11H, m + 2xs,
                                                     (CH_3)_3C
14
    C\underline{H}_2CH(CH_3)_2 and CH_2C\underline{H}(CH_3)_2), 0.87
                                                    (1H,
15
    CH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.75 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH_3)_2), and
16
    0.71 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH_3)_2).
17
18
        [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(N-methyl- N-
19
    (tertbutoxycarbonyl)-glycylamino)phenyl)- thiomethyl-
20
    succinyl]-Lphenylalanine-N-methylamide was prepared
21
    from the material produced in example 27a as described
22
    in example 1g.
23
24
    delta<sub>H</sub> (250MHz, D_6-DMSO) 9.97 (1H, s, CONHO<u>H</u>), 8.83
25
    (1H, s, NHOH), 8.32 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, CONH), 7.86
26
    (1H, m, CONHMe), 7.46 (2H, d, J = 8.5Hz, aromatic H),
27
    7.28 - 7.00 (5H, m, aromatic H), 6.97 (2H, d, J =
28
    8.5Hz, aromatic H), 4.56 (1H, m, CHCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.94 (2H, d,
29
    J = 9Hz, NCH_2CO), 2.87 (4H, m+d, CHCH_2Ph and BOCNCH_3),
30
    2.76 (1H, m, CHC\underline{H}_2Ph), 2.57 (3H, d, J = 4.5 Hz, NHC\underline{H}_3),
31
    2.25 - 1.91 (2H, m), 1.42 - 1.30 (11H, m + 2xs,
32
               CH_2CH(CH_3)_2 and CH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.92 (1H, m,
    (CH_3)_3C,
33
    CH_2CH(CH_3)_2), 0.80 (3H, d, J = 6Hz, CH(CH_3)_2), and
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0.73 (3H, d, J=6Hz, $CH(CH_3)_2$).

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2 Example 27

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4 Collagenase inhibition activity

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The potency of compounds of general formula I to act 6 as inhibitors of collagenase (a metalloproteas 7 involved in tissue degradation) was determined by the procedure of Cawston and Barrett, (Anal. Biochem., 99, 9 340-345, 1979), hereby incorporated by reference, 10 whereby a 1mM solution of the inhibitor being tested or 11 dilutions thereof was incubated at 37° for 16 hours 12 with collagen and collagenase (buffered with 25mM 13 Hepes, pH 7.5 containing 5mM CaCl2, 0.05% Brij 35 and 14 0.02% NaN_3). The collagen was acetylated ^{14}C collagen 15 prepared by the method of Cawston and Murphy 16 in Enzymology, 80, 711, 1981), hereby incorporated by 17 reference. The samples were centrifuged to sediment 18 undigested collagen and an aliquot of the radioactive 19 supernatant removed for assay on a scintillation 20 counter as a measure of hydrolysis. The collagenase 21 activity in the presence of 1 mM inhibitor, or a 22 dilution thereof, was compared to activity in a control 23 devoid of inhibitor and the results reported below as 24 that inhibitor concentration effecting 50% inhibition 25 of the collagenase (IC50). 26

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- .			
28	Compound of Example No.	<u>IC</u> 50	
29	1	20 nM	
30	2 5	8 nM	
31	6	.3 nM (50% @ 1 mcM)	
32	•		

1 2 Example 3 4 Stromelysin inhibition activity 5 The potency of compounds of general formula I to act as 6 inhibitors of stromelysin was determined using the 7 procedure of Cawston et al (Biochem. J., 195, 159-165 1981), hereby incorporated by reference, whereby a 1mM solution of the inhibitor being tested or dilutions thereof was incubated at 37°C for 16 hours with stromelysin and $^{14}\mathrm{C}$ acetylate casein (buffered with 25mM Hepes, pH 7.5 containing 5mM CaCl2, 0.05% Brij 35 13 and 0.02% NaN_3 . The casein was ^{14}C acetylated 14 according to the method described in Cawston et al 15 (Biochem. J., 195, 159-165, 1981), hereby incorporated 16 by reference. The stromelysin activity in the presence 17 of 1mM, or a dilution thereof, was composed to activity 18 in a control devoid of inhibitor and the results 19 reported below as that inhibitor concentration 20 effecting 50% inhibition of the stromelysin (IC $_{50}$). 21 22 23 Compound of Example No. <u>IC</u>50 24 10 nM 25 20 nM 26 Examples of unit dosage compositions are as follows: 27 28 29 30 31

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1 2 3 Example 29 4 5 Capsules: 6 Per 10,000 7 Ingredients Per Capsule Capsules 8 9 Active ingredient 1. 10 Cpd. of Form. I 40.0 mg 400 g 11 Lactose 150.0 mg 1500 g 2. 12 Magnesium 3. 13 stearate 4.0 mg 40 g 14 194.0 mg 1940 g 15 16 Procedure for capsules: 17 18 Step 1. Blend ingredients No. 1 and No. 2 in a 19 suitable blender. 20 Pass blend from Step 1 through a No. 30 mesh Step 2. 21 (0.59 mm) screen. 22 Step 3. Place screened blend from Step 2 in a 23 suitable blender with ingredient No. 3 and 24 blend until the mixture is lubricated. 25 Fill into No. 1 hard gelatin capsule shells Step 4. 26 on a capsule machine. 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

1	Example 30		
2	• •		
3	Tablets:		
4		Per 10,000	
5		<u>Ingredients</u> <u>Per Tablet</u> <u>Tablets</u>	
6	•		
7	1.	Active ingredient	
8	•	Cpd. of Form. I 40.0 mg 400 g	
9 .	2.	Corn Starch 20.0 mg 200 g	
10	3.	Alginic acid 20.0 mg 200 g	
11	4.	Sodium alginate 20.0 mg 200 g	
12	5.	Magnesium	
13		stearate <u>1.3 mg</u> <u>13 g</u>	
14	•	101.3 mg 1013 g	
15			
16	Procedure	for tablets:	
17	Step 1.	Blend ingredients No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No.	
18		4 in a suitable mixer/blender.	
19	Step 2.	Add sufficient water portionwise to the blend	
20		from Step 1 with careful mixing after each	
21		addition. Such additions of water and mixing	
22		until the mass is of a consistency to permit	
23		its conversion to wet granules.	
24	Step 3.	The wet mass is converted to granules by	
25	-	passing it through an oscillating granulator	
26	·.	using a No. 8 mesh (2.38) screen.	
27	Step 4.	The wet granules are then dried in an oven at	
28		140°F (60°C) until dry.	
29	Step 5.	The dry granules are lubricated with	
30	٠,	ingredient No. 5.	
31	Step 6.	The lubricated granules are compressed on a	
32		suitable tablet press.	
33			

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1	Example 3	11		
2				
3	Intr	amuscular Injection:		
4		<u>Ingredient</u>	Per ml.	<u>Per liter</u>
5	1.	Compound of Formula	I	
6		Active ingredient	10.0 mg	10 g
7	2.	Istonic buffer		
8		solution pH 4.0.	q.s.	q.s.
9				
10	Procedure			
11	Step 1.	Dissolve the active	ingredient i	n the buffer
12		solution.		
13	Step 2.	Aseptically filter	the solution	from Step 1.
14	Step 3.	The sterile solution	n is now asep	tically
15		filled into sterile		
16	Step 4.	The ampoules are sea	aled under as	petic
17		conditions.		
18	•	·		
19	Example 3	<u>32</u>		
20		•		
21	Supp	ositories:		
22				Per
23		<u>Ingredients</u>	Per Supp.	1,000 Supp
24	1.	Compound of Form. I		
25		Active ingredient	40.0 mg	40 g
26	2.	Polyethylene Glycol	•	
27		1000	1350.0 mg	1,350 g
28	3.	Polyethylene Glycol		
29		4000	450.0 mg	<u>450 q</u>
30		•	1840.0 mg	1,840 g
31				
32			•	
33				

1	Procedure:
2 .:	Step 1. Melt ingredient No. 2 and No. 3 together and
3	stir until uniform.
4	Step 2. Dissolve ingredient No. 1 in the molten mass
5	from Step 1 and stir until uniform.
6	Step 3. Pour the molten mass from Step 2 into
7	suppository moulds and chill.
.8	Step 4. Remove the suppositories from moulds and
9	wrap.
10	
11	Example 33
12	
13 .	Eye Ointment
14	
15	An appropriate amount of a compound of general formula
16	I is formulated into an eye ointment base having the
17	following composition:
18	
19	Liquid paraffin 10%
20	Wool fat 10%
21	Yellow soft paraffin 80%
22	
23	Example 34
24	
25	Topical skin ointment
26	
27	An appropriate amount of a compound of general formula
28	I is formulated into a topical skin ointment base
29 .	having the following composition:
30	
31	Emulsifying wax 30%
32	White soft paraffin 50%
33	Liquid paraffin 20%

(I)

CLAIMS

1 2

3 1. A compound of general formula I:

4 5

11 wherein:

12

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13 R^1 represents a C_1 - C_6 alkyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, 14 substituted phenyl, phenyl(C_1 - C_6)alkyl, 15 heterocyclyl, (C_1 - C_6)alkylcarbonyl or phenacyl or 16 substituted phenacyl group; or when n = 0, R^1 17 represents SR^X , wherein R^X represents a group:

18

24

25

represents a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 a l k e n y l , p h e n y l (C_1 - C_6) a l k y l ,

cycloalkyl(C_1 - C_6) alkyl or cycloalkenyl(C_1 - C_6) alkyl

group;

30

represents an amino acid side chain or a C_1-C_6 alkyl, benzyl, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy) benzyl or benzyloxy (C_1-C_6) alkyl) or benzyloxy benzyl group;

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 R^4 1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C6 alkyl group; 2 R^5 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; 3 5 is an integer having the value 0, 1 or 2; and 6 represents a C1-C6 hydrocarbon chain, optionaly 7 Α substituted with one or more C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl 8 9 or substituted phenyl groups; 10 11 or a salt thereof. 12 13 2. A compound as claimed in Claim 1, in which the chiral centre adjacent the substituent R3 has S 14 15 stereochemistry. 16 3. A compound as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, wherein the 17 chiral centre adjacent the substituent \mathbb{R}^2 has \mathbb{R} 18 19 stereochemistry. 20 21 A compound as claimed in Claim 1, 2 or 3, in which R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl, phenyl, 22 thiophenyl, benzyl, acetyl or phenacyl group. 23 24 25 A compound as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein R^2 represents a C_3-C_6 alkyl group. 26 27 28 A compound as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein R³ 29 represents a benzyl 30 $4-(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxyphenylmethyl or benzyloxybenzyl group. 31 A compound as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 6, 32

wherein R^4 represents a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group.

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A compound as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 7,
1
    wherein R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom.
2
3
         [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(phenylthio-
4
    methyl)-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide,
5
6
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiophenylthio-
7
    methyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide,
8
9
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(benzylthiomethyl)
10
     succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide,
11
12
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(acetylthiomethyl)
13
     succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide or
14
15
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiolmethyl)
16
     succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
17
18
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(pivaloylthiomethyl)
19
     succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
20
21
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(phenylthiomethyl)
22
     succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide sodium salt
23
24
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-methoxyphenyl-
25
     thiomethyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
26
27
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-hydroxyphenyl-
28
     thiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
29
30
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(2-thiophenethio-
31
     methyl)succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide sodium
32
33
     salt
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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-methoxyphenyl-
    thiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
2
3
     sodium salt
4
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-tertbutylphenyl-
5
    thiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
6
7
8
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(2,4-dimethylphenyl-
9.
     thiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
10
     bis-S,S'-{[4(N-Hydroxyamino-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiomethyl)
11
12
     succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide) disulphide
13
14
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(3-bromophenylthio-
    methyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
15
16
17
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(3-chlorophenylthio-
18
    methyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
19
20
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(3-methylphenylthio-
21
     methyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
22
23
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(N-acetyl)-amino-
24
    phenylthiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methyl-
25
     amide
26
27
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenylsulphinyl-
28
     methylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
29
30
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenylsulphonyl-
31 -
     methylsuccinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
32.
33
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[4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-thiophenylsulphinyl-
 1
     methyl-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
 2
 3
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-thiophenylsulphonyl-
 4
 5
     methyl-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
 6
 7
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-phenylsulphonyl-
     methyl-succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide sodium
 8
     salt
 9
10
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(isobutyloxy-
11
     carbonylamino) phenyl) thiomethyl-succinyl]-L-phenyl-
12
     alanine-N-methylamide
13
14
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(4-(N-methyl-N-
15
     (tert-butoxycarbonyl)-glycylamino)phenyl)thiomethyl-
16
     succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
17
18
     or, where appropriate, a salt of such a compound.
19
20
          [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiophenyl-
21
22
     thiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide, or
23
     [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiolmethyl)
24
     succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide
25
26
27
    or a salt thereof.
28
          [4-(N-Hydroxyamino)-2R-isobutyl-3S-(thiophenyl-
29
    thiomethyl) succinyl]-L-phenylalanine-N-methylamide or a
30
31
    salt thereof.
32
33
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(II)

(III)

1 12. A compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11

for use in human or veterinary medicine. 2

3

4 The use of a compound as claimed in any one of

claims 1 to 11 in the preparation of an agent for use 5

in the management of disease involving tissue

degradation and/or in the promotion of wound healing. 7

8

6

14. A pharmaceutical or veterinary formulation 9

comprising a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 10

11 to 11 and a pharmaceutically and/or veterinarily

12 acceptable carrier.

13

14 15. A process for preparing a compound of general

15 formula I as defined in claim 1, the process

16 comprising:

17 18

deprotecting a compound of general formula II

 \mathbb{R}^3

19 20

21

22

23

24

wherein:

25

 \mathbb{R}^1 , \mathbb{R}^2 , \mathbb{R}^3 , \mathbb{R}^4 , \mathbb{R}^5 , A and n are as defined in 26

CONHZ

27 general formula I and Bn represents a

benzyloxycarbonyl group; or

28 29

> (b) reacting a compound of general formula III 30

31

32

33

 R^4 \mathbb{R}^2

СООН

(III)

wherein:

 R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , A and n are as defined in general formula I,

with hydroxylamine or a salt thereof; and

(c) optionally after step (a) or step (b) converting a compound of general formula I into another compound of general formula I.

16. A compound of general formula II

(II)

wherein:

 \mathbb{R}^1 , \mathbb{R}^2 , \mathbb{R}^3 , \mathbb{R}^4 , \mathbb{R}^5 , A and n are as defined in general formula I and Z represents a protecting group.

17. A compound of general formula III

2.7

wherein:

 \mathbb{R}^1 , \mathbb{R}^2 , \mathbb{R}^3 , \mathbb{R}^4 , \mathbb{R}^5 , A and n are as defined in general formula I.

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